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"And I'll tell it and
think it and speak it and
breathe it,
And reflect it from the
mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Tobin on board reviewing NESCAC regulations

by Jenny Russell '02
NEWS WRITER

In April of 2001, post-season play for all athletic teams will be decided. The Presidents of the 11 NESCAC colleges will meet to decide whether or not their proposal for only permitting one NESCAC school to play in the post-season will become permanent.

The NESCAC, or New England Small College Athletic Conference, consists of eleven liberal arts colleges. These schools include Amherst, Bowdoin, Wesleyan, Williams, Bates, Colby, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Connecticut and Hamilton. The NESCAC, established in 1971, was founded upon the belief that intercollegiate athletic programs should operate in harmony with the educational mission of each institution. This philosophy was emphasized in the belief that Conference schools should not be allowed to participate in post-season play.

In May of 1993, the NESCAC Presidents decided the schools should be eligible to participate in NCAA championships. The NESCAC decision was not permanent; it was to be a three-year trial period. Even with the ban temporarily lifted, it was up to each institution's president to decide whether or not their schools could go on to compete in the post-season. However, the trial period is now over.

On April 22, 1998, the Presidents suggested a restructuring of the NESCAC. The issues that were discussed at this meeting included the establishment of a watchdog group that would monitor any complaints against members of the conference, the rule that each NESCAC team would have to play the rest of the NESCAC teams, and the limiting post-season play to only one NESCAC team.

Colleen Trzaskos '02, captain of the women's 2001 field hockey team, commented, "Competition will be made even stronger within the NESCAC due to the limiting of post-season play. This, in turn, will cause schools to look for even better athletes, which could add pressure to lower the academic standards of acceptance even more."

Jimmy Driggs '01, senior captain of the men's basketball team, said, "Limiting the post-season play is an injustice to the NESCAC teams, which traditionally are some of the strongest in the nation."

Since the meeting, the schools within the conference have disagreed with the proposal of limiting post-season play. The NESCAC believes that the admissions offices of each member school are under pressure to admit more student-athletes in order to strengthen athletic

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Klinkner receives award for *The Unsteady March*

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Philip Klinkner, Professor of Government, is a distinguished writer and professor at Hamilton College. Professor Klinkner's writing and teaching focus on American politics. Along with directing the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, a policy center which connects students with the local community, policy experts, and research opportunities, he teaches many Government courses such as the American Electoral Process (Government 329) and Race and American Democracy (Government 340).

Klinkner's latest book, The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of Racial Equality in America (with Rogers Smith of Yale University) analyzes our nation's historical and present commitment to racial equality. Klinker concludes that contrary to popular belief, our commitment to racial equality has been inconsistent and not particularly progressive. The book disputes the notion that racial progress in our society is ongoing and inevitable.

The Unsteady March has received a great deal of critical acclaim. Recently the book was designated a 2000 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award Semifinalist and was named to the 1999 American Library Association's "Best of the Best." The Unsteady March also received the prestigious Horace Mann Book Award, sponsored by the W.E.B Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research and Harvard University. The Book Award is given to "the author(s) of the most outstanding non-fiction work published on the subject of or of concern to African American life, history, or thought during the year."

The book took Professor Klinkner around six years to write. The co-author, Rogers Smith, a professor at Yale University, taught Klinker as an graduate student. Smith is a political theorist, learned in the history of United States citizenship laws.

Though always interested in American politics, Klinkner came specifically to rethink the role of race in American politics when he was working in Los Angeles during the riots. These riots led him to

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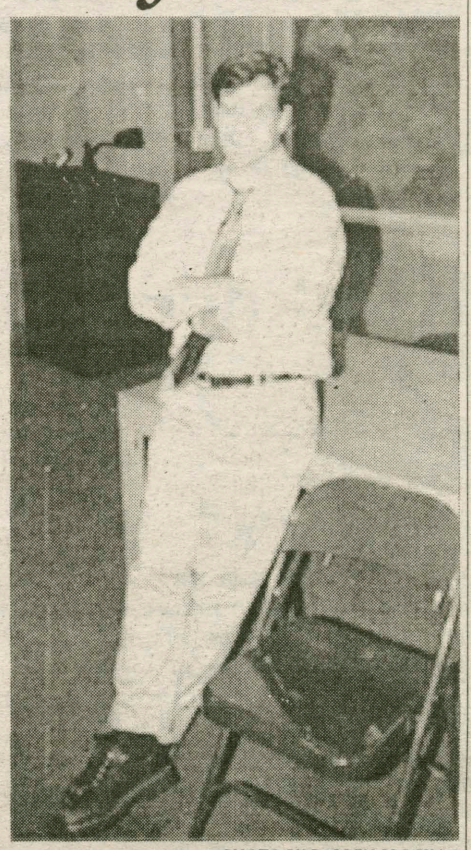
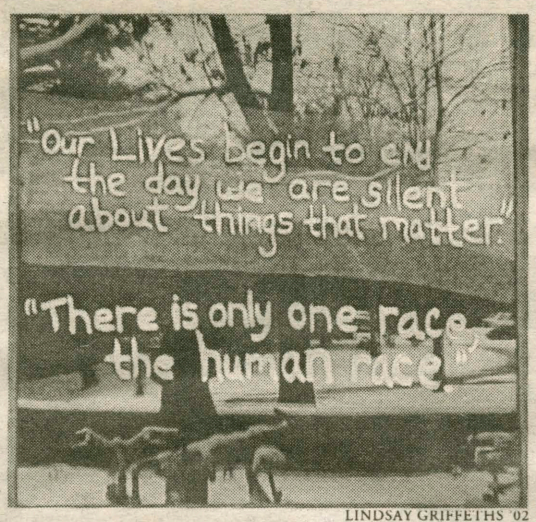


PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01
Philip Klinkner was recently awarded the Horace Mann Book Award.



LINDSAY GRIFFETHS '02

The windows of Babbitt have been decorated with images of peace and hopeful writings in light of recent acts of hate on campus.

Jimmy Carter announced next speaker in Sacerdote Great Names Series

PRESS RELEASE

Jimmy Carter has been named the next speaker in the Sacerdote Great Names Series. Carter will speak April 30, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

"Former President Carter has been at the top of our list of possible speakers since the Great Names Series began," said College President Eugene Tobin. "We are delighted that this great humanitarian, who has made his mark on U.S. foreign policy, will visit our campus in April."

Jimmy Carter served as president from 1977 to 1981, after completing one term as governor of Georgia. His noteworthy foreign policy accomplishments included the Panama Canal Treaties, and the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel. On the domestic side, the Carter administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major education programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska Land's Act.

Carter is perhaps best known for his foreign policy achievements. In 1977 the United States and Panama formed two new treaties to replace their 1903 agreement about control of the Panama Canal. These treaties recognized Panama sovereignty over the Canal Zone, and control of the Canal itself, beginning in 2000; however, they left the United States the right to defend the canal's neutrality.

Carter proved to be a capable peace negotiator. IN September 1978 he met at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md., with Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. They agreed on a framework for peace, known as the Camp David Accords, that led to a peace treaty between the two countries that was signed in Washington, D.C., on March 26, 1979.

After leaving office, Carter has championed human rights and became a public spokesperson for numerous charitable causes. In 1982 he founded the Carter Center of Emory University in Atlanta. The center serves as a forum for discussing issues related to democracy and human rights. Carter has also traveled extensively throughout various developing countries helping to monitor elections, establish relief efforts, and conduct peace negotiations.

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NESCAC post-season play may be limited

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teams. As a result, the NESCAC believes it can solve this dilemma, and raise each school's academic competitivness, by limiting the ability for its teams to participate in the post-season. Statistics show that grade point average in NESCAC schools has decreased in the past couple of years, however it cannot be directly correlated to the increased admittance of athletes. Even with the decline in grade point averages, U.S. News and World Report included every NESCAC school in their top 25 in nation liberal arts colleges.

"The regulation to limit post-season play will discourage good players to come to NESCAC schools," Abby McDermott '01, captain of women's basketball and women's softball teams, said. "The NESCAC is too competitive to allow only one team to advance to the post-season. This regulation would be counter-productive because the whole point of college athletics is post-season play. We will end up losing many student-athletes to Ivy League schools."

McDermott is also the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, which serves as a connection between student-athletes and administrators. Its primary focus is initiating school spirit for athletic events, and promoting respect for student-athletes on and off campus.

Tom Murphy, head coach of the men's basketball team and athletic director, commented, "The majority of the athletic directors of the NESCAC schools disagree with the regulation that is trying to be implemented. The Presidents of the colleges are the ones who make the decisions and they do not want to listen to the suggestions of the athletic directors or the coaches. The only ones they will listen to are the students."

President Eugene Tobin remarked, "Remaining a member of NESCAC is a very high priority for me. Our NESCAC affiliation not only provides us with similar academic institutions who share our athletic philosophy, the conference also provides connections and opportunities for foundation grants, consortial agreements, and contacts that greatly enhance our academic, residential, and intellectual life. For example, Hamilton recently submitted a grant on behalf of NESCAC to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that would address issues of alcohol use on all our campuses. This is one of many examples where our contacts with NESCAC produce benefits that expand well beyond athletic competition."

President Tobin and the ten other college presidents are scheduled to meet Dec. 14 to discuss the future of the NESCAC.

Klinkner addresses race issues in award winning book

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understand that race relations were a lot worse in America than he had thought previously. Klinkner believes that race relations today parallel the trail of regression in racism after the period of Reconstruction. He sees this reflected in the recent attacks on affirmative action and social welfare. Also of concern to Klinkner is so-called scientific racism, where in the name of science, black people are deemed inferior physically or mentally.

Klinkner also addressed working at an institution like Hamilton College, where there is such a homogenous student population. Klinkner recognizes the core group of people at Hamilton who want things to change, but he stresses that this group needs to expand. Questioned about the significance of the recent race-related hate acts that have occurred on campus, Klinkner remarked that these incidents can probably never be completely eliminated but emphasized that there are things the college can do. When such profoundly distressing incidents occur, there are two kinds of damage. There is the emotional damage inflicted on the direct victims of racism, but there is also a more subtle effect. Ironically, the incidents allow people in the community to feel comfortable with racism. People start to believe that only the small pathological groups of people who commit these atrocities are racist. People gain the dangerous ability to look outside of themselves.

Klinkner stresses that when these incidents occur, it is easy for ordinary people to distance themselves. It allows people to wash their hands of racism. To avoid this reaction, it is important to avoid focusing only on one thing or one event, he said, and far better to examine the different ways racism impacts everyone.

Although The Unsteady March received much acclaim, there has also been criticism. Klinkner discussed the controversial nature of his central thesis which takes a pessimistic view of race, while most white Americans are optimistic. His book therefore "cut across a lot of grains." Klinkner recalls being called "an anti-American white who was astoundingly ignorant." Klinkner takes such criticism in stride, saying that such vilification comes with the territory.

Klinkner wrote a book that challenges comfortable assumptions about racial progress in our society at large and in individual communities, including Hamilton. Though pessimistic at many levels, it offers the hope that through an understanding and acknowledgement of our failings of the past and the present, we will be able to plan a better future.

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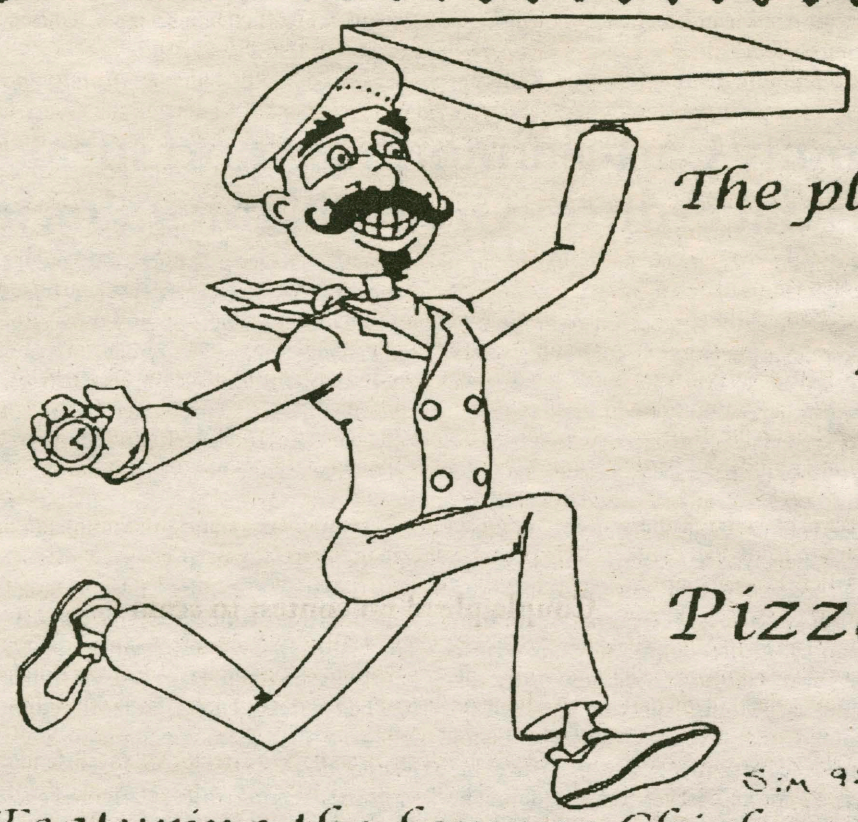

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Student sues college professor

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jaime Rising claims the professor teaching "Psychology of Death and Dying" made a remark four years ago about her dead father that kept her up at night for months.

Rising said professor Gordon Thornton, talking about the stigma attached to death, asked if anyone had kissed a dead person. Rising said she volunteered she kissed her father at his funeral months earlier.

"That is really gross," she recalls Thornton saying, claiming he leaned in close so no one else could hear. "And did you stick your tongue down his throat and get it caught in all that gauze they stick in there before they sew their mouths shut so they don't hang open?"

Rising dropped the class, she said, but could not escape the image.

She sued Thornton and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, alleging sexual harassment. The case went to trial in federal court this week, where Thornton denied saying anything intended to make students uncomfortable. He also said he did not remember making such a remark.

Rising is seeking unspecified damages in the trial, which could end Thursday.

Rising, 39, and her husband, lumber salesman Kenneth Rising, testified that she had headaches and nightmares for months after the incident. In one, she said, her father is trying to tell her something — but cannot speak because of gauze in his mouth.

The jury must decide not only whether Thornton really made the remarks Rising attributes to him, but also whether they amount to sexual harassment.

Court ruling in U. Washington case could impact U. Michigan lawsuit

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — While the University of Michigan anxiously awaits a decision in one of the cases challenging the use of race as a factor in admissions, the 9th Circuit of Appeals has upheld the use of race in admissions at the University of Washington Law School.

"It doesn't mean a lot to my client or to the clients in California, but it probably does mean a lot to the lawyers at the University of Michigan," said Mike Madden, an attorney at the Seattle-based law firm Bennett, Bigelow and Leedom, which represented the University of Washington.

The court's opinion released Monday stated that the Supreme Court decision in the Bakke v. University of California Regents is federal law and can only be overturned by a new Supreme Court ruling.

"It's an important decision," University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger said Tuesday.

"It's the second circuit to consider this issue in the context of higher education, and it is deeply gratifying that it supports our defense of affirmative action," he said.

Tobacco money used to finance center

LONDON (AP) — The University of Nottingham is building Britain's first International Center for Corporate Social Responsibility — and British American Tobacco is paying the bill.

Anti-tobacco campaigners blasted the university's announcement Monday that it will accept 3.8 million pounds ($5.7 million) from British American Tobacco to fund the new wing of its business school.

BAT said the donation demonstrated that it was "very serious about demonstrating responsible behavior in an industry seen as controversial."

Britain's largest cancer charity, the Cancer Research Campaign, called the deal "another example of the tobacco companies' attempts to buy respectability."

"We understand universities are short of money, but accepting tainted tobacco cash is a step too far," said Gordon McVie, director general of the Cancer Research Campaign.

Action on Smoking and Health, termed it "cash for ethics." Dr. John Toy, medical director at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, called it "just extraordinary."

BAT, the world's second-largest publicly traded tobacco company, is currently under investigation by the British government over allegations that it orchestrated the smuggling of cigarettes.

BAT is the parent company of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., the American firm featured in the film "The Insider" — Hollywood's retelling of how whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand, a former B&W executive, helped start a landslide of lawsuits against major tobacco companies that led to a $206 billion settlement with 46 states in 1998.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas'04

Reformed right-wing racist joins ANC

ROODEPLAAT, South Africa (AP) — Robby Sutherland, former right-wing racist, calmly picked up the microphone in front of a meeting filled with black laborers and nearly exploded with adrenalin.

"Power to the people," the white Afrikaner politician screamed in Zulu. "Viva ANC, viva African National Congress." His audience, elated, jumped from their seats and waved their fists.

AP

Robby Sutherland.

For most of his quarter-century in politics, Sutherland was one of the most conservative, anti-black politicians in South Africa. Then six months ago, after what he says was an epiphany, he joined the African National Congress — the communist-allied, multiracial party that helped overthrow apartheid and now rules this country. Now, he is an ANC candidate in Dec. 5 local elections.

The reversal may give a picture of how the ANC and a reorganized opposition are faring at the grass-roots level, six years after apartheid was officially scrapped: Sutherland and a few other white rightists have undergone political conversions and joined the party that has won overwhelming electoral support since the country's first all-race elections in 1994.

"If you can't fight 'em, join 'em," said Fanie Fourie, a 60-year-old farmer in Roodeplaat, a rural district in the northeast, who left the conservative Freedom Front for the ANC. Fourie hopes to recruit more whites to the ruling party.

Comics show adventures of the Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — SHA-ZAM! ... or A-MEN!? Pope John Paul II has joined Captain Marvel and Spiderman in the legion of comic-book heroes.

Hitting newsstands in Italy this week, the new Vatican-approved serial depicts the real life and true adventures of "Karol Wojtyla: Pope of the Third Millennium."

"He really wasn't a geek!" series' narrator, Grandpa, assures children at the outset.

The Little Paper, an illustrated magazine for Italian young people by the publisher of the Roman Catholic Church periodical Famiglia Christiana, tells the story in four parts — opening with the pontiff's 1978 election, showing a massive, smiling John Paul looming over St. Peter's Square with white smoke rising behind him.

"Our commitment is rather grandiose, dear children: Telling the life of no one less than the pope," The Little Paper tells its readers in an introduction for the first installment.

"It is an adventurous life, full of change, of interest, of tragedy, of missions, of travel," the foreword promises.

The plot device is Superman simple: Grandpa has a long, flashback-filled talk with his grandchildren when they ask why he isn't pope himself — since he's getting along in years.

Previous innovations in John Paul's 23-year tenure have put the Vatican on the Internet and John Paul himself on a CD.

"The comics are a good medium for the children."

Murdered women engineers honored

MONTREAL (AP) — A dozen women, standing in the bitter cold, sang hymns Wednesday to honor the 14 engineering students who were killed in 1989 simply for being women.

The singers' voices, warm and clear despite the chilling air, rang out from a small park not far from the Ecole polytechnic where the women were killed 11 years ago in Canada's worst mass shooting.

A group of children, some holding white paper flowers in their hands, looked on as representatives from women's organizations laid 14 white roses at a monument dedicated to the victims.

It was one of several gatherings held across Canada on Wednesday to mark the anniversary in what has become a sad tradition. In 1991, Parliament declared Dec. 6 the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

"Our daughters can't have died for nothing," said Therese Daviau, whose 21-year-old daughter Genevieve Bergeron was among the women slain by Marc Lepine before he turned the gun on himself.

"We have to do something positive with this."

She and others said it's important to reflect on the tragedy because violence against women still persists.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Teacher leaves millions to library

BOSTON (AP) — Retired teacher Thomas R. Drey Jr. lived humbly, never owning a car and spending much of his time at the library, studying the stock market.

But Drey quietly amassed a fortune of $6.8 million, and when he died in 1997 at age 73, he left all of it to the business branch of the Boston Public Library.

"This was a simple individual who wanted to say thank you to a system that allowed him to be successful in life," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who was to formally announce the gift on Thursday.

"He is making sure that the next generation can invest in that knowledge and be successful like him."

The retired public school teacher and guidance counselor lived in the same house he grew up in and ate the suppers his younger sister cooked each night.

He invested with a modest inheritance from his father, Thomas Drey Sr., a reporter and editor for The Boston Globe. He wrote articles on the market, served as associate editor of Stock Market Magazine and wrote a book, "America's Growth Stocks."

The donation, the library's largest from an individual, will be used to expand hours and buy more computers and databases for the Kirstein Business Branch.

Ripley's buys Tenn. electric chair

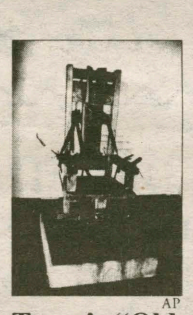
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Ripley's Believe It or Not! museum plans to add an electric chair to its macabre crime and punishment gallery that already includes medieval torture devices.

The exhibitor of the weird and unusual bought Tennessee's purported original electric chair, nicknamed Old Sparky, for more than $25,000 Wednesday. It will be displayed at its museum in the Great Smoky Mountains tourist town of Gatlinburg, where about 500,000 visitors flock each year.

Gawkers could view the leather-strapped, electrode-equipped white oak chair — responsible for 125 executions in Tennessee from 1916 to 1960 — as early as next month.

"This chair will fit in very, very nicely," said Edward Meyer, Ripley's vice president for publishing, who negotiated the acquisition.

The purchase comes a day after an online auction of the chair was prematurely stopped because of questions about its authenticity.



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Tenn.'s "Old Sparky."

The seller, who identified himself as Arthur Rosenblatt, had offered the chair on eBay and then negotiated directly with Orlando, Fla.-based Ripley's.

"I feel that any opportunity to expose the chair to the greatest possible audience is the only correct way to dispose of it," said Rosenblatt, a collector and seller of "murderabilia."

Meyer said Ripley's has been trying to get an electric chair for years.

"We have always felt that an electric chair is something that the general public wants to see and is interested in," he said.

Rosenblatt wouldn't say how he obtained the chair, but he said it has been in storage in Massachusetts for several years.

The Tennessee Department of Correction has questioned the chair's lineage and Rosenblatt's right to sell it, if it's genuine.

"At this point, all I can say is we are still looking into it," department spokesman Steve Hayes said.

Couple plead no contest to scam

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A couple who ran a bogus children's charity that drew big-name contributors including Michael Jackson pleaded no contest Wednesday to felony fraud and theft.

Grace Darlene Brandt, 57, director of the Friends of Children charity, will get 10 years in prison under the plea agreement. Her husband, Gary Gene Harder, 55, will get three.

The couple auctioned a pair of life-sized stuffed cows donated by Jackson to raise funds for clothes and services to disabled and underprivileged children, but then stole the money, prosecutors said. The couple also checked in under false names to a donated hotel room meant to be raffled off.

Defense lawyer Thomas R. Loversky said his clients "did some good for some children."

The couple's home will be sold to pay unpaid state taxes.

Editorial

Normally this space is used by the editorial board to express their opinion or feeling on some matter of importance. However, this week the board has allowed me to use this space for my personal reflections about my past year serving as Editor-in-Chief of *The Spectator.* I would like to thank the staff for allowing me to use this space and I would also like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the paper, for without them there is no Spectator.

There are numerous situations in which I have had to deal with as editor of the paper, from Coach Murphy's firing as athletic director to the suspension of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Through all of these stories and the experiences of putting these pieces together, one thread runs through them all and that is the power of the written word.

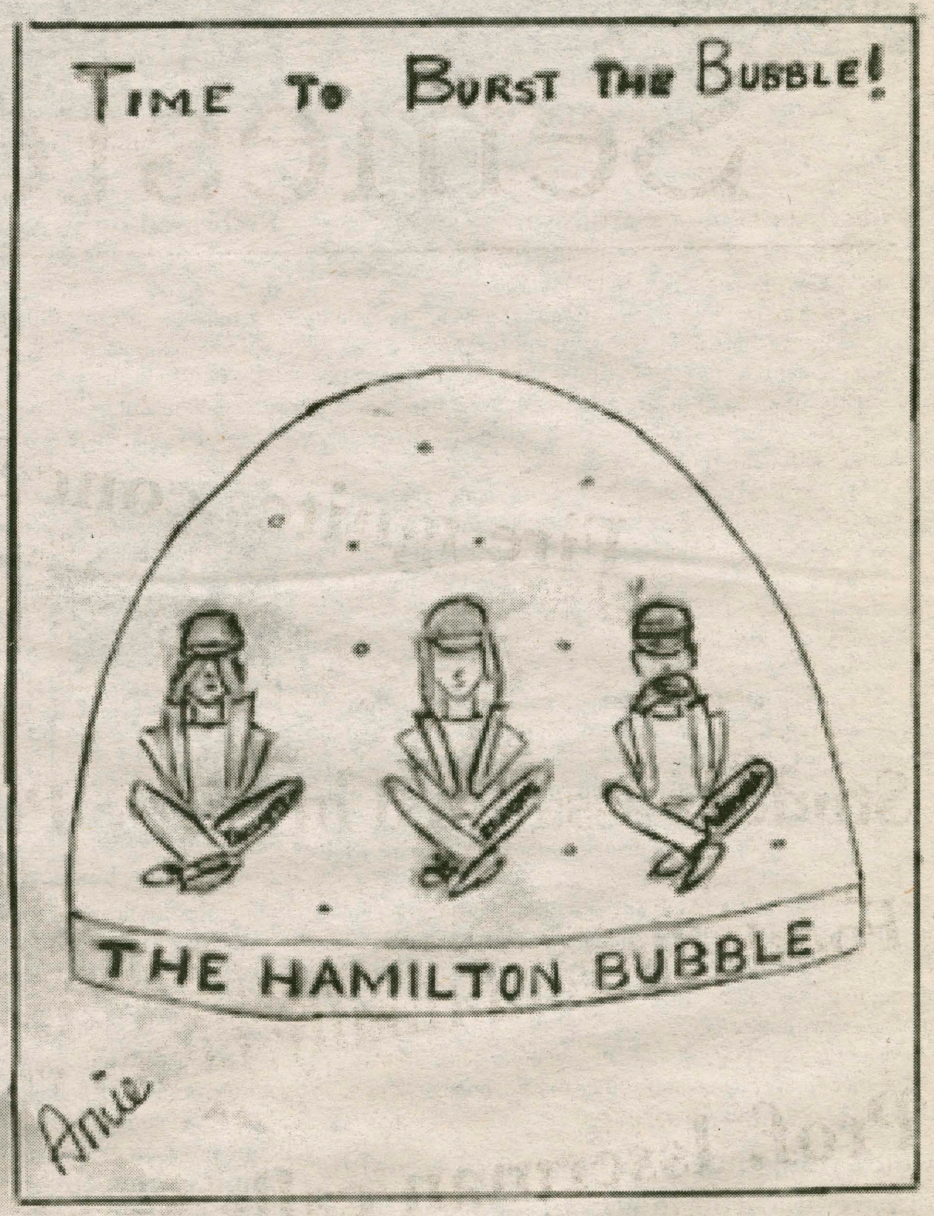
The Spectator, just like any newspaper, has a responsibility to report the facts as accurately as possible, for people trust what you write as being the truth. The Spectator strives to ensure that all things printed in the paper are truthful, but as any paper does, we make mistakes from time to time and as such we must admit these mistakes and find ways to make sure they will not happen again.

While there are new mediums for communicating information, from the internet to television, by far print media is still the preferred medium. Besides, there is something very powerful about seeing something in print as opposed to on a screen or on television. This makes it even more important for journalists to write the truth.

Another issue that I have struggled with as editor of a paper in a small community such as Hamilton, is reporting stories that involve our friends. It is very difficult to be editor of a paper at such a small school, as often we must write things that portray people we know in a negative light.

Often students play multiple roles on campus; some represent us to the trustees, while others serve on various committees. However, the role that my staff and I play is by far the most difficult, as we often have to publicly criticize students, faculty, and administrators that we eat, learn, and hang out with. As such there is a fine line between being a student and a journalist, however I would encourage everyone out there to take a step back and realize that just because something is written about you, either positively or negatively, that the writer was not "out to get you," rather he was just performing his duty.

While being both an editor and student is perhaps the most taxing part of the job, there are many joys that go along with the position. But, the aspect of my job that I revel in is watching everyone read the paper each week. There is nothing that pleases me more than walking into Commons at 3:00 on a Saturday afternoon and seeing *Spectators* strewn across the tables. It is then that I realize that all of the hard work that my staff and I have put into the paper has not gone unnoticed.



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Letters

To the Editor,

In recent weeks, a continuous stream of dialogue has entrenched our campus. I am proud of the many people who are opening their eyes and mouths as they stand up for what they believe in. When I picked up my copy of the Spectator, I expected to find more brilliant and overdue dialogue. But as I read the Thumbs up/Thumbs down column and turned the page, I felt quickly betrayed.

I admit that I chuckled when the thumbs up list included "Claudia Schiffer's Racy H & M ad." "More tasteless college humor," I thought to myself, "but relatively inoffensive." I just assumed someone on your staff had seen the ad in the window display of H &M and I kept on reading. It wasn't until I opened the page with Claudia Schiffer that I realized how unfunny the thumbs up list truly was. There stood a full-page ad with Claudia Schiffer wearing only a bra, underwear, and stiletto heels. Her hand lay on her hip and her thumb tugged compromisingly at her underwear.

I am prepared to see ads of this nature when I pickup a fashion magazine, but in the school newspaper? One part of me tosses this off lightly and turns the page. But it is the other, quieter voice that reminds me how unprepared I was to see a half naked women in the Spectator. When I saw the H & M ad I felt sick to my stomach. I gasped. I felt appalled. I wondered if the recent campus discussions were sinking in.

As a woman on this campus, I am disappointed by the presence of this ad. I feel it represents the poor judgment of the editorial staff. Didn't we just discuss the need to see people for who they are? The need to combat stereotypes? This ad depicts Claudia Schiffer as a female sex object. Maybe you and your staff took this ad for what it was (a clever marketing ploy). I'm also sure that we all would agree women are not sex objects. However, I think it is also clear that this ad can be seen as derogatory and questionable.

As the editor of this publication, you probably have the final say on what stays and what goes. Next time I urge you to remove something that has the ability to deface, demoralize, and objectify any woman, man, person of various sexual orientation, class, ability or race. You can condone or condemn an opinion. Are you sure you made the choice that best represents you?

Respectfully,
Ivy Rollins '01

Dear Editors, Students, and members of the Judicial Board,

This past Saturday night, at approximately 2:30 in the morning, my girlfriend and I woke up to a noise near her window and the room suddenly filled with a billowing mass of smoke. After an initial panic, we soon realized that the room wasn't on fire, but that somebody had sprayed a fire extinguisher through a crack in the window and flooded the small room with flame retardant.

This could have been another senseless act of vandalism and assault that went unpunished, but unlike many others, this time one of the villains was caught in the minutes following the crime by an amazing chase scene performed by Campus Security (I hope the other one has also been caught).

The vandals were caught. Do you know what that means? The student(s) responsible are going to be judged by the Judicial Board; a board of their peers. For years I've heard a lot of whining about lack of respect, people

Semester Review

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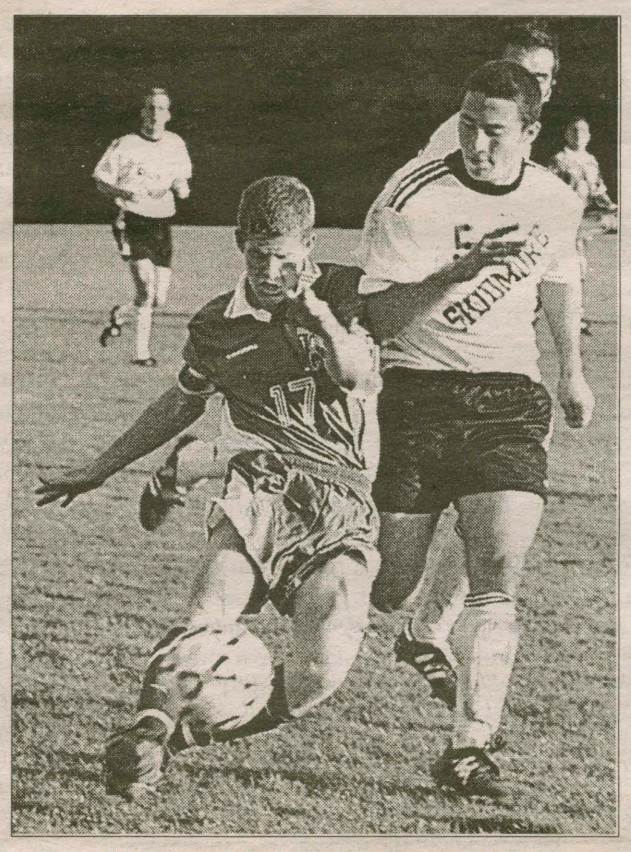

NOTE

As we end another semester here on the hill, the staff of The Spectator decided to take a look back at the biggest headlines of this past semester. Enjoy!

- The Spectator staff

Insight & Ideas

The Burke Library Blues

Ah yes. It's the last week of the semester and that can only mean one thing besides those risque Claudia Schiffer ads -- the endless well of papers and exams. If you are like me, you can try and ignore them and hope they go away, but that usually never works.

You can try everyone's favorite, the "all-nighter", which usually lasts a good four or five days. In order to stay awake

JP LeBlanc

students will try anything -- six or seven coffees, a fistful of gummy worms and WHCL's midnight techno hour.

These days are short, dark, cold, and needless to say, boring. The highlight of my day so far has been the bowl of Count Chocula cereal that I ate for breakfast, followed closely by the seven teacher evaluations I filled out in the last half-hour.

The closest I have gotten to entertainment is watching two freshman bicker over how to work the copy machines in Burke Library. Let me give you guys a hint -- you can't put three nickels and a dime in the vendacard slot, it just doesn't work. Of course, I've been here three-and-a-half years and I still don't know how to use the vendacards, so who am I to judge.

Throwing little bits of Commons chocolate-chip cookies off the second story balcony at the students in the reading room used to entertain me, but I've done it one too many times. Call it the law of diminished returns, if you will.

I would get on the computers, but they are usually occupied by the kid who attempts to write his entire thesis the day before it is due, the entire 2000-2001 Hamilton Continental Doom 3 team, and the five-year old professor's son who is busy hacking his way into the FBI website so he can graffiti the homepage.

Someone suggested that I try Cafe Opus for a change of pace. Right. As if the concrete, drab, and mundane architecture of the Dark Side could brighten my spirits. The same person suggested that I "could soothe my anxieties with a hot cup of peppermint tea from Opus." Buddy, the only thing that could relax me now is five or six tranquilizers and some acupuncture. Throw in the depressing music of "Acoustic Coffehouse's Greatest Hits" and I'm liable to have a breakdown.

Maybe I should try KJ's cubicles, also know as "learning pods." Last time I went to KJ I was duped into a Star Trek Cardasian War reenactment by both the fencing and anime clubs. For those of you out there -- KJ is a scary, scary place. Study at your own risk.

Dwight Lounge isn't a bad place to be. Comfortable sofas, chairs with actual cushions, and even better -- ample lighting. Of course, if I get caught there I will be killed by the Bristol staff. By the way, does anyone out there know how to make a website?

Comments on the State of the Revolution

The semester has run out on us, students of Hamilton, and what an interesting semester it has been. Right from the start a feeling of change was in the air. The new social programming plan came to us from on high and it appeared as though our entire social scene was being threatened. The students

Justin Tyler

were up in arms, angered at the administration, the faculty and the lack of communication among the groups. A strong "us vs. them" mentality developed: "they" were trying to ruin our parties, "they" didn't care what the students had to say.

This anger and frustration apparently came to a head with the infamous "Storm the Quad" party which gathered a group of students together under the notion of protest, 60's style. Many argue that the motto of the party, "Rock out with your cock out," perfectly described the scene: a group of students concerned more with flashy posturing than any sort of real change. The proponents of the Quad incident claim that it was the beginnings of a revolution. What I want to know now is where is that revolution?

Following the party, and the flurry of e-mails in response to Proffesor Isserman's "whiny brats" comment, the Hamilton community concluded that there did need to be more interaction between faculty, students and administration. In response, a town hall meeting occurred, committees were created, and a community discussion forum was set up. But after that there was nothing. The community discussion forum remains mostly empty and little has changed.

Is anyone still out there rocking with their cock out? Is anyone still fired up about the social options? I feel like everyone just adapted to the changes and went along quietly - a stark change from the protest atmosphere of weeks before. Or maybe the social options weren't that harsh to begin with and the student body over-reacted. I guess it doesn't matter, the end result was the same.

Fast forward to the drunk driving incident at Colgate. Again there was a large reaction from the student body, a flurry of all-campus e-mails, and a few ideas were considered to prevent a similar tragedy at Hamilton. The discussion went on for about a week, and then also was dropped. Perhaps I am simply not familiar with programs that were initiated, but if that is the case then I am not alone in my ignorance.

And now our community is attempting to tackle the problem of racism on campus.

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Solutions for Apathy on the Hill

In my four years here my role in and outlook towards Hamilton has had many different faces. I've been the dedicated student-athlete, the fun guy who focuses too much on partying and having a good time, I've been the angry student frustrated with

Seth O'Bryan

the college, with students, with administration, I've been the apathetic student, and lastly and most recently I've been the fully committed active community member. In this journey I've seen almost all the different sides of Hamilton so that I feel qualified in some ways to discuss the identity and direction of our college.

Two of my major concerns with the student body are interrelated. One is the lack of awareness by the majority of students of the concerns and issues facing students of different backgrounds-whether that be about students of different races, students with handicaps, issues facing students of different sexes, and just students who have a different approach to life.

The other is lack of student attendance at events other than typical popular events like Greek parties. Examples of this are that in the last two faculty meetings I was the only student, the small attendance of white students at multicultural events, and tonight (Tuesday night) the weak number of students at the debate for student assembly president. I know students are busy, I know students have their own personal lives, but there is a point that it crosses into apathy.

Or whatever word you want to use. I question the extent that most students care about what happens with our community.

I know that at heart most students, almost all students are caring, open minded, special people, but if actions defined who we are, then it would appear that in some ways most of us are apathetic. I know I'm walking on dangerous grounds, I could be wrong, I don't want to offend anyone.

I know there are people here that are so involved and so caring that really are making a difference here and in the world around us. So I leave it as a question about the level of apathy on this campus.

By saying apathetic, I mean apathetic about issues that reach past our own personal bubble. To some extent each person's bubble should be the Hamilton bubble. I think it's wonderful the concern shown by most of the students here towards the recent racist event. However, showing the reactionary concern is not enough.

We need to continue to deal with racism at this campus and with the issue of most students of the majority group being unaware of what it is like to be a minority on this campus and in this world. Hamilton College is a place of education, and I think the most valuable educational experience at this college falls outside of the classroom.

One aspect of this education should be learning about the perspectives of people of different races, cultures, sex, sexual preference, the list goes on. Students need to be proactive about issues on this campus; we can't wait until racist acts occur or until a drunk driving accident happens here to address the issues. We need to open our eyes and listen to what the concerns are of this college now and improve them before tragedy occurs, and when tragedy occurs we must continue the immediate powerful reaction to a consistent cause.

It is up to individuals taking their own initiative to improve this school and to step outside of their own comfort zone. Since being more active on campus this semester, I've learned more about life than ever before, grown more, become more confident, and most of all felt more pride to be here.

Although, on the other hand, as I become more involved it saddens me to see more clearly what is not happening here. Part of the problem with students being unaware of the issues on campus is the lack of communication between student assembly and the student body.

Even though student assembly is working hard to become more visible and in better contact, we have a long way to go. I am a senior representative in student assembly and I'll tell you some of the things the assembly is working on. There is a committee dedicated to improving current facilities on campus and also working towards getting some type of student union.

Another idea is to have a day next semester where faculty gets a free lunch and students are urged to invite professors or advisors to share a meal. Thirdly, a new idea is to have a Hamilton festival, which builds off the cultural festival. It would be a night where different groups like Yodapez or dance groups or Urban Delight perform for a certain amount of time or individuals perform music or read a poem or speak about an issue that concerns them.

It would be a night where groups and individuals coming from all different sides of Hamilton come together and share who they are. If you want to help make any of these ideas happen or have any questions about them you can email me at sobryan. Next semester student assembly will take the step forward so you know more about what they are doing and who they are.

In closing, I want to make sure that I don't sound too negative. When I think about Hamilton, I think about all the individuals I know from students to faculty to staff members to administrators and I think about how wonderful each of those individuals are.

In some ways I'm proud to be here and know each of you; there's no doubt about that in my mind. It's exactly because I feel this way that I wish for more members of this college to be involved with the community as a whole. I know that almost everyone here is involved with something and busy enough as is, but I challenge you to question what more you can do.

We all know how much ignorance and corruption exists in the real world we live in, and I believe if there is one place where some ideals and dreams about life can come true, it is on this campus. You people are amazing and don't doubt that; on the same line, don't ever settle for less than you can be or less than what you can do, don't ever settle.

Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Gloria, In Excelsis Gormley

W.J. Gormley '00.5

To The Hamilton Community:
"Every time you say Goodbye I say Hello."
-John, Paul, George and Ringo

"They took everything, even the shit we didn't steal."-Animal House

Four and one half years. Done, finito, gone like Carnie Wilson's humongo gut after a stomach stapling operation. Like any good super senior I am ready to light on out of here, ready to leave upstate New York and its gray oppressive seasons, rusted out pick-ups with NRA/Vote Nixon stickers, and finally abandon the vapid torglidites that clog the area malls. But I pause to take part in an old tradition, the right of valedictory. Now as you know I am certainly not valedictorian, but the paper allows me the venue to comment to you all on my life here and most importantly to say goodbye.

At this my good friend Brett "Last time ever featured in a *Spectator* article" Monroe said ... Nothing you idiot, Dr. Brett's dead... he's locked in my basement. Anyway, dude thanks for all of the fun and cuddling dude, you will be missed.

Here's the depressing bit. In past goodbye articles people have talked about how Hamilton has changed during their stay. They talk about how all of these improvements have made the college a richer place or how the ResLife decision or Tobin or the MAN has made Hamilton suck. In my eyes this place is exactly the same as when I got here. Same neo-Maginot line architecture of the dark side (Raybeckian puns everywhere). Any changes that have taken place are purely cosmetic ones. After four point five years people, this college is still a thoroughly schizophrenic institution, trying to reconcile its different parts and traditions that are threatening to spin off into space. Despite all of the liberal hoopla (protests, alternative news sources, lectures, talks, chalking etc.) we remain a primarily white upper-class institution where white upper and upper middle class men such as myself set the social, financial and academic agenda. Everything gets done half-assed, never sticking your neck out far enough to get it cut off, but just enough to get credit.

A perfect example of this is the current situation with Koert. Some bigot writes an ableist and racist message on a young man's door. The young man writes an e-mail to the campus. Flurries of paper support come streaming in off of the ether. Demands for justice carried by electronic gnomes. So what happens then? Nothing. You want to really find justice and fight bigotry, turn in who did this. Hamilton is a very small place and nobody can keep a secret. There are obviously people out there that know the perpetrator and if you do, follow your conscience. We can't change who we are but we can open up avenues of communication and tolerance.

A lack of change can also be good. A static pattern can be a comfortable pattern and for all its faults Hamilton is a great place to be. Yeah it has got problems, but once in a while everybody has to pull their muckraking heads out of the sand and look at our advantages. We go to the 21st best damn small Liberal Arts College in the country when judge on highly academic and impartial criteria such as levels of alumni giving, job placements and mean SAT scores. Look out Flint, Michigan; as economically depressed areas of the country go, Clinton, New York is on the rise.

I do hate to leave. I will miss all of my fraternity brothers and the shenanigans of the Dunham Survivor Show. (Who will be the next to get kicked off the Island, Tim or Jeff?) I will hate to go where people are responsible for their actions and assault, violence against women, drunk driving and hazing can no longer be dismissed as "sewing your oats." I already miss the culture of oppression and conformity.

I need to point out that some of the current anti-male propaganda is a little ridiculous. I mean 76% harassment rate? Come on people we can do better. At least match the senior-giving rate of 90%.

But in all seriousness I will miss having my sole responsibility for the day to be to learn, to expand my mind and change my perceptions of reality. I will miss professors who care enough about learning to devote their lives to it. I will miss those I've loved, those I love and those who represent a missed opportunity for love. Most of all, as sick as it sounds I will miss writing for this newspaper. Over my time I have taken for granted that I have the ability to give voice to my opinions, views and feelings to a group of people and gauge how they react. Walking into Commons on a Saturday morning and seeing everyone reading what you wrote is a wonderful feeling and I will truly be sad when I experience it this last time as you the reader consume my words.

Finally I would like to say thanks to every one who gives a shit and gets involved. Much love to my girlfriend Lisa. Much respect to Cristen Sargent, Crazy John Scheuttinger, Professor Gescheider, Jeff Williams, Sam Evans , Kay Gormley, William J. Gormley Sr., Professor Raybeck and all of you who have worked to make me a better writer and reporter.

So long and thanks for all the fish.

Fondly,
W. J. Gormley

P.S. One last thing
Your Mom.

THUMBS UP

- "Krank" Kelleher's whirlwind political campaign
- The possibility of an all Hamilton Forever Leather ad
- "Company"
- The sketchy leopard and duct tape room at the Sig party
- Socks for Chanukah

THUMBS DOWN

- Unwarranted anger provoked by "seven or eight" Red Bulls
- The ridiculous price of a grilled cheese at the diner ($3.75)
- Only one page of news?
- The Buffers
- The rash of militant, potty-mouthed all-campus e-mails

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Letters Continued

sick of the vandalism and sick of paying additional money for campus and dorm damage bills. Well people, here's your chance to show everyone that you've had enough; to show your faculty and administration that you are responsible enough to deal with your peers in a fitting way and to set a tone of respect on this campus.

Punish the student(s) responsible for this vandalism in a way that will end this rash of immoral and disrespectful behavior. The student(s) that committed these acts have shown that they're not mature enough to be enrolled at this institution of higher learning. Fulfill your obligation as a member of the Hamilton College community by writing to the Associate Dean of Students and the Chair of the Judicial Board and demanding that these students be expelled from the college. Set the tone for years to come that the student body does not tolerate this behavior and that the students as a whole are united in dealing with this and similar behavior.

Do you really want a few thousand dollars tacked onto your already high tuition every year? Do you want to see small trees destroyed, broken beer bottles on the quad, broken windows, and pulled down lamp posts at the end of every weekend? Set the precedent that people's property and the property of the school is to be respected. Deal with these individuals as if they had done this to you... because they have.

If you don't punish the individual(s), you and every other student on this campus are paying to replace the fire extinguisher, the clean up of the room, reimbursement for destroyed items, and the cost of housing a student who couldn't sleep in her room that night because of the choking dust that filled the air in the room (the week before finals I might add). Punish the individual(s) because it could be your room next.

Below are the email addresses of the people you should contact. Email them and tell them that you will not stand for behavior like that which happened early Sunday morning (12/3). Tell them that you want the individuals punished, not given a token reprimand of community service.

David Kutcher (Class of '99)

Contact Associate Dean of Students, Gregory Pierce at gpierce@hamilton.edu, and the Chair of the Judicial Board, Sara Weinstein at sweinste@hamilton.edu

To the Editor,

I appreciate the thorough and thoughtful article on the library that appeared in The Spectator, Dec. 1, 2000. I would like to add two comments to the discussion.

First, I have been developing an option for keeping all library materials in Burke Library for the next ten years without using an off-site storage facility. At the time I was interviewed for the article, that option was still in a very preliminary stage and I had not yet determined its feasibility. This alternative, which I will present to the Library Facilities Planning Group on Dec. 13, would accommodate library growth for the next ten years, and allow us to develop plans for the future of Burke Library without committing to an off-site facility.

Second, I look forward to future versions of the college's strategic plan that will incorporate ideas and recommendations from the Middle States review process, once it is completed. I fully expect that the final version of the strategic plan will clearly signal the centrality of the library to the mission of the college and identify directions for the library's future.

Sincerely,
Randall Ericson
Couper Librarian

To the Hamilton Community,

I have read with admiration and horror the recent flood of e-mails reporting and responding to the incident suffered by Koert Wehberg. First, the incident itself: The writing on Koert's door was clearly a hateful act that is deplorable by any standard, and that must be condemned and opposed by all people who care about our fellow human beings. All people, regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual preference or disability should be free to live their lives without threats, demeaning comments, or intimidation of any kind. This is a value that we hold in common as a community, and thus we must speak against hateful acts like the one committed against Koert.

I am proud of the depth of feeling and the sincerity of commitment expressed by members of the Hamilton community in the wake of this incident. As a Hamilton alumni, I was glad to see the student body react strongly to something other than "the right to party." To those who have sent expressions of love and compassion to Koert, I say: keep it coming. He is a brave individual who can use all of the support he can get. It is often easy to let our lives be marked more by the negative incidents than the supportive comments, so we all need more support than we do discouragement.

I am horrified, however, by the tone of a great many of the responses to Koert's intimidation. I have read with dismay messages that curse, threaten, and spew vile hatred against the perpetrator of this incident. The desire to support Koert is laudable, but is the appropriate response to hate and threats more hate and threats? As a follower of Jesus of Nazareth, I cannot condone this method.

Jesus told His followers that we need to love our enemies, to pray for those who curse us, to do good to those that revile and persecute us. Love was Jesus' response to evil, not fighting evil with evil. Is violence our only answer to violence? Hollywood's films lead us to think so, but the civil rights marches led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and others argue forcefully against that. Is hate the only answer to hate? Intolerance the only response to intolerance? Jesus, Gandhi, King, all would issue a vehement "no!" This can only lead to more violence, hate and intolerance. An escalating cycle of "might makes right" that can only end in misery. Love - seeking what is best for the beloved - is Christ's response to hatred. That may seem counter-intuitive, but Jesus Himself lived in a nation oppressed by a military force that hated them. He knew a thing or two about this, and His teaching WORKS.

I was also surprised by comments that seemed to separate Hamiltonians into categories of "us" (good, decent, not racist, wonderful people) and "you" (the hate-mongers, the racists, and the person who wrote on Koert's door). This is simplistic and naïve. Jesus also points out that none of us are righteous, that none of us is "good" except for God. I'll wager there is not one person at Hamilton who has lived life free of racist thoughts and attitudes. I'll bet there does not exist a single person - gay or straight - who has not laughed at an inappropriate joke at the expense of homosexuals. There is no one righteous here. It's just us sinners. The person who did this vile act does need to be brought to justice. But we need to remember that we all have a dark side. This person deserves censure, but also needs love and correction. The wise among us see an incident like this and realize "There, but for the Grace of God, go I."

Denes House '93
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staff representative Hamilton College Colgate University

You can call me at 738-0970 or e-mail me to confirm, if need be.

The Fad of Activism at Hamilton

*From **Revolution** Page 6*

Just like before, a single event, the writing on Koert's board, enraged the campus and some action is being taken: there was a community forum, groups are raising awareness and posters are all over campus. It's a good start. But I worry that this trend will continue and the issue will be dropped after Christmas break.

The issues we have been dealing with this semester are not easy one's to resolve. It will take dedication, perseverance and interest from all parts of the campus for years to come to solve these problems. We as a community cannot afford to pick an issue for a week and then drop it if there is no easy solution. Nothing will get solved that way. Like those students said so many months ago, we need a revolution, but where have all the revolutionaries gone?

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Science in the News

TICKED OFF!!

New Lyme disease vaccine perhaps dangerous to patients

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

With Lyme disease affecting thousands of people each year, the recent development of a vaccine to prevent the disease was hailed as a medical breakthrough. But one year later hundreds of cases of extremely adverse reactions to the vaccine are cropping up all over the country, much to the dismay of scientists, doctors and the Food and Drug Administration.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdoferi*. A spirochete is a long, slender, spiral-shaped type of bacteria that is able to move throughout the bloodstream and travel between tissues. Spirochetes invade certain tissue cells, reproduce and then leave, destroying the cells as they go. This specific spirochete is found and maintained in the bodies of wild animals and has been present in America for over 100 years.

The disease is transmitted from animal to animal through tick bites. Certain ticks, such as the rabbit and wood rat ticks, will not transmit the disease to humans, but the black-legged tick, or more commonly, the deer tick, does bite and infect humans as well as animals.

Ticks go through four life stages: egg, larva, nymph and adult. They molt to reach each successive life stage and must rely on the nutrients present in a "blood meal" to acquire enough energy to reach the next stage of development. These ticks feed on infected animals and must be attached to an infected host for one entire day or more in order for the spirochetes to be transmitted. An improper removal of a tick during feeding can cause faster infection of the spirochetes.

Ticks can be found in virtually all climates and all across the United States. They can bite and infect hosts all year round, but the peak season for infection in the Northeast is from April to September. On the West Coast, the peak month for infection is November. Ticks are very hardy and can survive under nearly all adverse conditions as long as they have an adequate supply of moisture.

The first definitively diagnosed case of Lyme disease originated in Lyme, Connecticut, which gave its name to the often-misdiagnosed affliction. From 1980 to 1998 there were 112,000 reported cases of Lyme disease in 49 states (there were no reported cases in Montana). Scientists estimate that the number of unreported cases across the country total from 1.5 to 2 million.

It is very difficult for doctors to diagnose Lyme disease because of a wide range of symptoms and a tendency for the disease to mimic the symptoms of other ailments. Early signs of Lyme disease include flu-like symptoms with headaches, stiff neck, muscle aches and fatigue, often accompanied by an enlarging rash.

The rash is the often cliched sign of Lyme disease, but in reality, only sixty percent of those infected with the disease ever develop the rash, which can appear one day to one month after being bitten. This rash, if it does appear, begins as a small red lump and enlarges outward with clear skin in the center, resembling a bulls eye.

Failure to diagnose Lyme disease can lead to severe and detrimental problems, affecting virtually every organ system. The disease can affect the brain and cause a paralysis of limbs and facial muscles, the inability to swallow or speak, dizziness, seizures, severe dementia, paranoia and stroke.

The disease may also cause a series of cognitive problems, such as loss of memory and confusion. Furthermore, Lyme disease can cause blindness, heart blockage, irregular heartbeats, enlarged spleen, difficulty breathing, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting and pain in all joints, especially the jaw.

For pregnant women, Lyme disease can be detrimental, as it can cause miscarriage and stillbirth, although the disease cannot be passed from the mother to the developing child.

Treatment of Lyme disease is reliant upon early detection and diagnosis based on the symptoms. If no organ systems have been infected, then oral antibiotics are useful in treating the disease. If the disease is more advanced, intravenous antibiotics must be used to combat the spread of the bacteria.

Last year the FDA approved the use of a new vaccine to prevent the infection of Lyme disease. Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals of Philadelphia produced and developed LYMErix, which acts against Lyme disease by causing the immune system to produce antibodies to a protein on the surface of the Lyme disease bacterium, thus creating an immune response to the spirochetes, eliminating the chances for contracting the disease.

Last year the vaccine was administered to more than 600,000 people considered at high risk for the disease. This March the FDA reported 298 cases in which the recipients of the vaccine experienced adverse reactions. Many developed chronic arthritis, while others experienced an extreme allergic reaction. One third of those affected ended up in the emergency room.

Scientists suspect that this strange condition is caused by a reaction between a certain gene known as HLA-DR4 and the protein on the surface of the Lyme disease bacteria. Only about 20 to 30 percent of the human population possesses this gene, which elicits the vaccine to create an autoimmune response causing the body to attack it's own tissue.

There is great controversy over these adverse responses because the scientists who developed the vaccine were aware of the theoretical possibility of these responses, yet did not include them on the vaccine's label. Scientists even observed the cases of chronic arthritis in tests performed on hamsters. In some of these tests, 100 percent of the hamsters treated with the vaccine developed a severe arthritic condition which none of the unvaccinated hamsters exhibited.

Another drug company, Pasteur Merieux Connaught of Swiftwater, PA, developed a similar vaccine and observed the same instances of arthritis, although they never brought their vaccine to the FDA for approval.

Despite prior knowledge of the negative effects of the vaccine, the FDA approved LYMErix without adding the appropriate warnings to the label. This mistake is one of the factors weighing into the many court cases surrounding this controversial vaccine. There have been numerous lawsuits, many of which have been privately settled, and many of which are still pending.

Right now the vaccine is not perfect. However, it is only the first wave in a hopeful succession of treatments for Lyme disease. Further research will continue to develop more effective vaccines with no major side effects for most of the population. Ultimately it's good news for people, bad news for ticks.

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Features

"It's Tradition! ": Oranges, Canes, Music, and Apples

New Plans for the Citrus Bowl and the 2nd Annual Feb Fest in the works

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Tradition is a powerful word, carrying a number of connotations. Beliefs. Culture. Community. Pranks. Traditions are events that are re-enacted time after time. There are a number of traditions here at Hamilton College; some have died, some are going strong, some are just being born or revived.

There are a number of former Hamilton traditions of which very few current students are probably aware. Did you know that there used to be an annual student music festival each spring? Bands playing folk and bluegrass as well as other types of music would gather in the McEwen Quad, craftspeople would sell pottery and other merchandise, and there was a competition held amongst the participating bands.

Professor Douglas Raybeck of the Anthropology Department, who has been teaching at Hamilton since its union with Kirkland College in 1978, where he had been teaching, recalls this event, saying, "Had Ellis Paul been around, he would have been there."

There was also once an annual Winter Carnival, which has recently been reincarnated as Febfest, the first annual of which was held last year due to the efforts of Kurt Mangold '02 and other dedicated students. The Winter Carnival was established in 1938 and took place each winter into the early 1950's when it died out.

Last year when Feb Fest was put into action, the student body enjoyed events like the Samples concert, a snow sculpture contest, a sled race, snoccer (snow combined with soccer), and a chili contest. "A week of pure activity, [during which] there's always something to do," Kristen Kmetetz '03, an active organizer of Febfest, calls it. She points to it as a perfect example of a way to bring people together on campus outside of the classroom.

Then there are traditions that are almost common knowledge on campus. Citrus Bowl. Those two words, for many people, will conjure images of oranges flying through the cold air of a hockey rink. Indeed, the Citrus Bowl is a well-known tradition here. Every year, at the first home game of the men's hockey team, people flock to the Russell Sage Hockey Rink to enthusiastically flood the ice with a barrage of oranges after Hamilton makes their first goal.

Rebecca Kessler '03, who attended this year's Citrus Bowl, recalls being "patted down for oranges," and noticed that someone threw an out-of-place lobster on the ice amidst the multitude of oranges. Although the oranges are a constant, another tradition has evolved through the addition each year of a few odd ball items provided by creative and mildly malicious students in attendance.

Member of the hockey team Steve Aubuchon '03 calls the Citrus Bowl an "imaginative" show of school spirit, "a great tradition" in his opinion. Men's Ice Hockey Coach Phil Grady, who started at Hamilton 16 years ago, when the tradition was already in place (although with a few less oranges,) shares a love for the "incredible enthusiasm and support" that is shown at the Citrus Bowl, yet he has a few concerns about the representation of enthusiasm being flying fruit.

For one thing, other teams want to throw Hamilton out of the League or simply not play our school when they know it is the first home game because of what goes on at the Citrus Bowl. Grady also voices other concerns, including the threat of injury to his players, coaches and spectators, as well as the loss of momentum in the play of the game and possibility of costing us a game while "we sit penalty" as a result of the onslaught of oranges.

Grady is in the midst of proposing a way to keep the tradition that will address concerns and help others. His idea is to sell teddy bears to the spectators at the first home game, which can then be substituted for the oranges after the first Hamilton goal is scored. The teddy bears can then be collected and given to a charity for donation as holiday gifts to underprivileged children in the area. If instituted, Grady hopes that his idea will allow school spirit to thrive while preventing a threat of injury to players and disgruntled visiting teams.

There are also a few traditions here at Hamilton acted out every year at graduation. Each year some graduating students, as they walk up to the podium to receive their diplomas, bring an apple. This tradition has its origins in Kirkland College, which was built upon an apple orchard, giving that college the symbol of an apple.

Editor of the Alumni Review and Curator of Special Collections Frank Lorenz tells us at the commencement following the merger of Kirkland College and Hamilton College (which was quite controversial and included strong emotions conveyed through opposing opinions) students started this tradition as either a form of protest or a reminder of Kirkland College.

Another graduation-related tradition is that of each graduate receiving a walking stick or cane. Former Dean Laurie Gulick started this tradition in the late 1970's. The senior canes are made by Harden Furniture, which is headed by Alumnus David Harden, and are carved out of cherry wood, carrying the shape of a hat on the head of the cane that is based upon the Continental Army uniform, an obvious reference to Hamilton's mascot.

The examination of all of these Hamilton traditions brings to mind the question of the importance of traditions at a college like ours. Professor Douglas Raybeck points out that tradition can be bad as well as good; good in that it "builds solidarity" and "can promote broader community,"while sometimes bad in cases in which it "impedes creativity," and creates "a false sense of security." However, Raybeck asserts that "anything that brings students together conjointly is good."

Many traditions have died off in the past due to the fact that in terms of our campus as well as the wider society, " we all are busier than we used to be," as Raybeck puts it. Nevertheless, clearly, if there is support, movements can reintroduce the positive aspects of Hamilton tradition, as in the efforts of Feb Fest. One interesting and important point that Raybeck makes is that most of the good traditions and organizations at Hamilton are created from "the bottom up," due to the hard work, planning, and organization of dedicated students.

Rising from clear or mysterious origins, Hamilton is full of a range of meaningful traditions, some active, some inactive at the present time, and some to remain only in the minds of those that were present. Traditions can be born, they can die, and they can be revived. Be a part of Hamilton traditions, or create your own.

Two travel to diversity event

Research aids Utica's Bosnian refugees

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES EDITOR

The recent talk, thought, and action over the presence of "isms"- primarily racism and sexism- on our campus is equally prevalent in other areas of society. Employers, politicians, educators, students, and parents daily battle these realities and continue to propose possible solutions. In keeping with this concern, Judy Owens-Manley, Research Coordinator for the Resource Center for Human Services, and Becky Karb '02 attended a Diversity Conference in Atlanta from November 11-14 sponsored by The School of Social Work at the University of South Carolina. The conference featured workshops of research and discussion pertaining to various diversity issues in social work. According to Karb, examples of other workshops included one on the experience of refugees in New Hampshire and an Indian professor who addressed the metaphysics of oppression.

Owens-Manley, who is on the board of the refugee center in Utica and who has a background in psychotherapy and an interest in how people adjust to trauma, has been doing research for over a year on the process of integration of Bosnian refugees into American society. Amela Porca '99 assisted her as a Senior Research Assistant during the summer of 1999. Since then, according to Owens-Manley, "in addition, Professor Wyckoff led a public policy seminar focused on refugees in Utica. Two of his students compiled a list of Bosnian families who had purchased homes, and this is a list that we drew from for our interviews as a sign of "successful" adjustment in some measure to being in the United States."

She offered Karb the opportunity to help her do quantitative analysis of the data and accompany her to its presentation at the conference. Karb, who is double majoring in economics and public policy and minoring in women's studies, works for Owens-Manley in the Levitt Center. Said Owens-Manley, "Becky's analysis helps in the telling of the stories- and the project perhaps helps to bring to life for her how public

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Munchkins, music, and merriment

PHOTO BY SHARON RIPPEY

The Annex gets merry: Danny McCarthy, the holiday legend, played his jolly guitar and lead carols with Utica children last Tuesday afternoon during the annual HAVOC monthly service project.

Owens-Manley and Karb study refugee settlement

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policy and economics affect the lives of refugees." Right now, she is considering graduate school in public policy and public health after graduation.

According to Karb, "I went to get experience and to learn a little about the field of social work and to work on my public speaking skills." Said Owens-Manley, "I spoke to some emerging mental health issues that are not adequately supported by current refugee policy. Bosnians have experienced traumas of war and deprivation, often prison camps or refugee camps and multiple displacements before a final move here to Utica." Karb recalls about 10 to 15 attendees at their presentation and, with a sigh of relief, commented," I didn't get asked too many questions."

Professor Owens-Manley has done extensive interviewing with about 100 Bosnian refugees in Utica. With help from Karb, Owens-Manley's research has also included allocation of demographic information about their households that might shed light on their reported experiences.

Karb, who set up a database to hold the quantitative data, has been responsible for entering information about their starting and finishing wages in different sectors of the economy and living expenses. Karb, who is the Coordinator of the Womyn's Center, expressed her concern over their startling realization that although the discrepancy between the starting wages for Bosnian refugee men and women at local jobs is usually minimal, averaging around 30 cents, the discrepancy between their finishing wages can be as much as $2.00. As recognized by national sources, there is often a wage discrepancy between men and women's salaries for the same jobs for all Americans.

Although some analysts believe it represents evidence of a sexist society, Karb adds two other possible explanations for the difference in regard to the Bosnian situation. The first is that since most of the refugees are young and have young children, it may be more necessary for women to sacrifice their potential careers because of the need to stay at home and fulfill child rearing responsibilities. Therefore, some women are either not able to work or they are less likely to receive promotions because of their dual responsibilities at the home and the office. The second possibility is that since English is a second language for all of the refugees, the diversity of their English skills may affect the jobs that they can get, and therefore the wages that they receive, regardless of gender.

Owens-Manley further addressed the issue of language in relation to the employment qualifications of Bosnians,"Most refugees begin working within three months of arriving here, so they have very little English training before they are on the job. In spite of that, many of the Bosnian refugees have been very motivated to continue their English studies formally or informally. Others have gone to work with other Bosnians, continued to speak their native language exclusively at home, and have progressed very little in their skills."

In regard to the method of interviewing for the compilation of this data, Karb stated, "I think it is therapeutic for them {the Bosnian refugees} to be able to voice their concerns about their situation. They have been really responsive to the interviews." Karb acknowledged that one challenge to the Owens-Manley's collection of accurate data has been the Bosnians' reluctance to report the level of trauma they have experienced in being torn from their homeland because of political unrest and military danger and adjusting to a new culture. Karb explains that part of their interviews is to use a "trauma scale" in which they are provided with various possible indicators of stress in their lives and the expectation that they will accurately assess these experiences. Karb notes that the norms of a collectivist culture might account for their reluctantcy to admit to these unfortunate experiences.

Karb added that she wishes students here would be less risk-aversive and be more willing to discuss their feelings and opinions regarding race and gender relations. In regard to the recent incident of racism where a harassing message was written by a perpetrator on the door of a blind African American student, Karb commented, "People were so shocked that this happened, but the thing is that acts like this one happened last year too, it just wasn't talked about. People shouldn't be so surprised-otherwise you are denying the existence the "isms" that are on this campus." She also disagreed with email respondents' argument that "99%" of the campus supports the presence of minority and disabled students because she believes that more people than the one or few people involved in this incident shared the views of the message. However, she said, "I do think that the majority of the campus is against racism and discrimination." In regard to possible solutions to a problem that has become more obvious this semester, she said, "I think that people need to speak out more. Let your opinions be known, and let your voice be heard. We need to be loud."

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"{Her} analysis helps in the telling of the stories.The project helps to bring to life for her how public policy and economics affect the lives of refugees," said Professor Owens-Manley.

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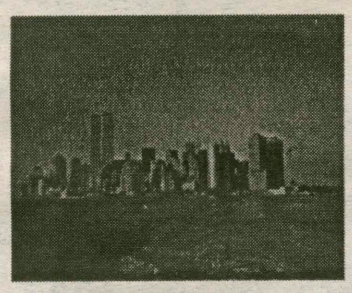

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Arts & Entertainment

Spectator at the Movies

Jim Carrey carries *The Grinch*

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

Oh, it's Christmas time again, Hollywood's favorite time for dishing out sappy G-rated movies. Luckily, if you plan on getting into the Yuletide mood, *Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, directed by Ron Howard, is neither too sappy nor too G-rated. The film is, of course, based on the timeless tale *How the Grinch Stole Christmas,* by Dr. Seuss. Howard made everything in the film look like the illustrations in the book; the inhabitants of Whoville all have the characteristic pinched, curved noses, and curley-cue clouds scuttle across the pastel sky. There is definitely a fairy-talish air about this movie, which is only enhanced by the fogginess and Toon Town-like scenery. I rather like this mood as long as the story is complete make-believe, why not go all the way and be daring with the overall appearance of the film?

What is not so faithful to the book, however, is the plot. Some of you may recall reading the book when you were younger, and, even as a beginning reader, I bet it never took 2 hours. That is the duration of the movie, which means that there have been numerous additions to the original story. The basic premise, as you may remember, is that in the fictional town of Whoville, everyone loves Christmas. In fact, everyone is obsessed by it. However, the citizens of Whoville have given Christmas only a materialistic meaning; it's only about exchanging gifts, making better decorations than your neighbors', and eating a lot. Only one girl is skeptical about the town's handling of this holiday: Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen). She is determined to make friends with the Grinch (Jim Carrey), who unashamedly despises Christmas. The Grinch will wind up, of course, doing everything in his power to ruin the holiday for Whoville.

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Producer Brian Grazer, Jim Carrey, and Ron Howard on the set of Dr. Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas.*

Screenwriters Jeffrey Price and Peter S. Seaman throw all sorts of new twists into this mix: there is a love story between Martha May Whovier (Christine Baranski) and the Grinch, a self-absorbed mayor of Whoville- Mayor May Who (Jeffrey Tambor), and an odd flashback sequence in which we get to see an eight year-old Grinch. I found that these elements weighed the movie down. Jim Carrey has enough energy to keep anyone awake, but almost everything that doesn't involve him- particularly the parts of the movie which have been added to the original story- are tedious. I mean, come on, can we really buy Martha May's lusting after a green hairy monster? And who really cares about the Mayor of Whoville, or what the Grinch was like when he was a baby? I'd rather have seen more of the Grinch himself or the interaction between him and Cindy Lou. Or, even better, cut the length of this film in half.

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Taylor Momsen as Cindy Lou Who and Jim Carrey as the Grinch in Universal's *The Grinch.*

The Grinch is just too long. Many of the scenes were superfluous, and there are a couple of songs that could have ended up in the wastebasket.

It's unfortunate that Jim Carrey's wacky antics and energy couldn't carry over into the scenes without him. Despite imperfections, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* is good holiday fun.

Without *Bounce!*

by Piyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

On-again, off-again couple Ben Affleck and Gwyenth Paltrow star in one of this year's most eagerly awaited films. *Bounce* was touted as the next *Jerry Maguire,* but despite it's heavy weight cast, this film is anything but memorable.

Buddy Amaral (Affleck) is a hotshot ad exec in LA with everything going his way. That is until he is stranded at Chicago's O'Hare airport. He strikes up a conversation with playwright and TV writer Greg Janello (Tony Goldwyn) and Mimi (Natasha Henstridge). In search of a one-night stand, Amaral gives his ticket to Janello and continues flirting with Mimi. The next morning they wake up to the news of the plane crash.

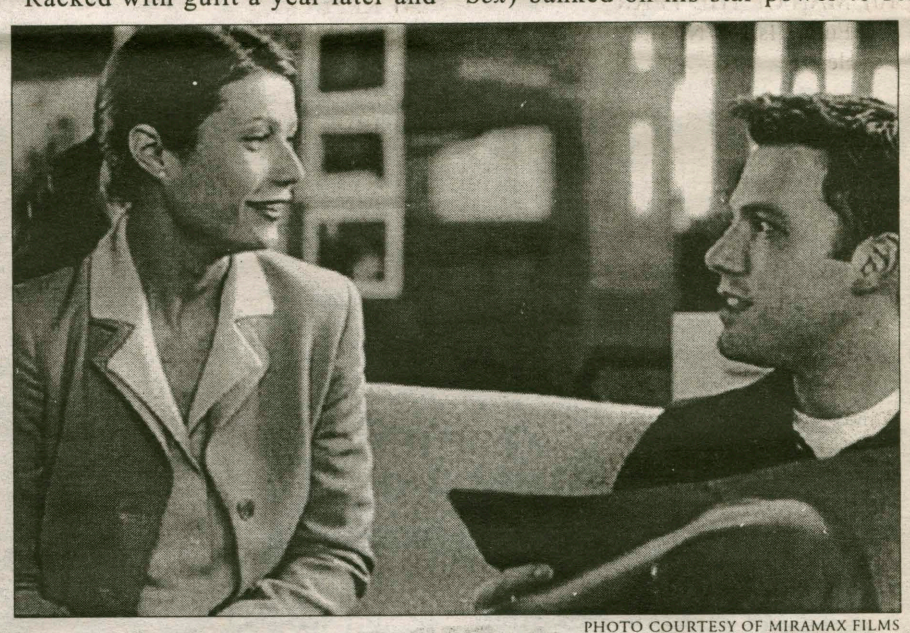
Racked with guilt a year later and determined to make amends, he sets out in search of Janello's wife Abby (Paltrow). With no specific purpose he lands up at her front door. What he doesn't expect, though, is to fall in love with her. After several excruciating minutes of him playing the martyr, he gives in and manages to win over both and her clichéd difficult son. Picture Perfect. The only problem being that he hasn't told her about his "involvement" in her husband's death. He means to, but puts it off. And slowly gets tangled in a web of lies.

The suspense of her finding out and whether she forgives him is the only thing that keeps the viewer really interested. Yet the revelation comes too late, and from that point on the film becomes extremely choppy. With no real climax besides a vague courtroom scene, the end sort of creeps up on you.

Clearly, the only thing that keeps the film alive is the chemistry between the two main stars. The awkward first meeting (a clumsy scene with a dog thrown in!) and the gradual rapport that develops are so effortless that the viewer cannot wait for them to get together. Affleck plays the smart-ass to the hilt, yet at the same time there are moments when he couldn't be more endearing. Paltrow sheds her high society image for one of the twin-set wearing, car-pooling mum. Yet she pulls off this role with sophistication. The rawness of her emotions, especially when she learns of her husband's death, is heart-wrenching. The other characters are not developed enough to really have an impact.

Ironically enough, the script is the weakest part of the film. It seems as if director Don Roos (*The Opposite of Sex*) banked on his star power to sell this film. It has a sketchy storyline riddled with clichés and loopholes. Affleck's, "I don't have a last call of the day," is faintly reminiscent of Tom Cruise's touching "You complete me" from *Jerry Macguire* and is probably the only remotely memorable line in the film.

The trailers tried to bring *Bounce* across as a frothy, romantic comedy, yet it is quite the opposite. Despite the blah script there is an important underlying message--that of bouncing back. Emotionally. The strength to start over after a tragedy wipes out the only life you really knew. And that is where this movie succeeds in showing us life from a different perspective. The film conveys the idea that in the midst of pain, happiness struggles to break out. It captures human emotion at its untamed best and displayes it in all its glory .



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Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck share a moment in *Bounce*.

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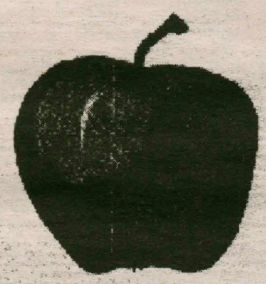

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Hamilton places 6 on all-NESCAC football team

by David Zane '02
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last week the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) named its all-conference football team, which included six Continentals. Last year Hamilton only placed one player on this elite squad and that was Ron Thomas '01, who was also named to this year's team. Head coach Tim Pendergast said, "We feel very good that all three captains made either the first or second team. It proved their value as players and leaders not only for us, but in the eyes of the league and its coaches."

The Continentals had two members on the defensive all-NESCAC football first team they were Thomas at defensive line and linebacker Ryan Nolan '02. Thomas, who the was the leader of one of the NESCAC's top defenses, was as steady as a rock on defense. Pendergast said of his tri-captain, "He's meant so much to the team...not only because he plays all the positions on the defensive line, but because of his true value as a leader."

For Nolan it was his first stint on the all-NESCAC team and he clearly deserved the recognition. In his best performance of the season Nolan recorded 15 tackles against Amherst. He is clearly one of the leaders of the linebacking core. "Nolan is your prototypical linebacker: he's tough and aggressive." Pendergast said.

Hamilton members of 2000 all-NESCAC football second team were Chris McCarthy '02, Ted Stewart '01, and Greg Bemis '01 as place kicker. Defensively Thatcher Freeborn '02 and Bemis were honored.

For McCarthy the honor is extremely gratifying considering he switched to receiver in midseason. "He's a versatile player who has the ability to turn nothing into something," said Pendergast. The wideout also saw time on the defensive side of the ball this season as he doubled as a cornerback.

At the beginning of the season, the offensive line took a lot of criticism for their poor blocking and their lack of quarterback protection. However, by the end of the season this group of players overcame injuries to become what probably was the most improved unit on the team. This improvement was due in large part to the presence of Ted Stewart, who Pendergast calls, "the mainstay of the offensive line." Stewart's leaderships abilities helped to pull a unit that was initially beleaguered into a force to be reckoned with.

Greg Bemis, another one of the team's tri-captains, was the only player in the NESCAC to receive an honor on both sides of the ball, as he was named to the all-NESCAC football second team as place kicker on the offensive side of the ball and as punter on the defensive side. The highlight of Bemis' season was a 51 yard field goal he made in Hamilton's 16-13 victory over Bowdoin. "Bemis saved us a number of times," said Pendergast. "He meant an awful lot to the team, we'll miss him next year."

The final member of the Hamilton squad named to the defensive second team was Thatcher Freeborn at linebacker. However, that is not the only position he plays on defense, he also sees action as a defensive back in certain schemes. Freeborn had a great season helping to anchor the defensive backfield. "He has great command of the defense. He's a smart, heady player who fit into his roll very well," said Pendergast.

Having these six players named to the all-NESAC team, coupled with the addition of Pendergast, who just complete his first sason as head coach, the team seems to be on the rise.

Fans shouldn't touch that dial, as wild NFL season approaches its final weeks

by Andy Horner '03
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The Minnesota Vikings, led by Duante Culpepper and Randy Moss, have an explosive offense. But is their defense championship quality? The Tennessee Titans always seem to find a way to win close games behind stars Steve McNair and Eddie George. But will their offense be able to duplicate its all-around solid performance of last year's playoffs?

The high-flying Oakland Raiders, led by the resurgent Rich Gannon and Tyrone Wheatley, have all the offensive kick they'll ever need. But will they be able to depend on the volatile kicker Sebastian Janikowski when the game is on the line? The defending champion St. Louis Rams are in disarray, and would not qualify for the playoffs if they began today.

As you can see, the final outcome of this National Football League season is anyone's best guess. There are a plethora of quality teams out there, in both the NFC and the AFC, but there is no single dominant team. No clear Super Bowl contender. No unstoppable force.

And the fans love it. Attendance is up. More viewers are tuning in to televised games. Despite Dennis Miller's inane commentary, Monday Night Football has its best ratings in years.

There are 13 legitimate Super Bowl contenders right now. Not one single division in the AFC is led by more than one game, and every single second place team has beaten the division leader at least once. In the AFC East, the front running Miami Dolphins have only lost three games; two of them to the second place NY Jets. In the NFC West, the slumping Rams are tied for first with the upstart New Orleans Saints, who are playing without their two best offensive players, Jeff Blake and Ricky Williams.

The picture in the NFC East is more of the same, with the ground-oriented NY Giants maintaining a slim half game lead on the Donovan McNabb-led Philadelphia Eagles. In the NFC Central, the Vikings have established themselves as favorites by means of an 11-2 record. Culpepper's emergence as an offensive threat has helped the Vikes become one of the most explosive teams in the league. However, the gritty, second place Tampa Bay Buccaneers figure to play a role in the playoff picture.

It is likely that the most well rounded teams will prove to be most competitive as the post season nears. The AFC boasts a larger portion of such all-around solid teams. The Titans, Dolphins, Raiders, Jets, Denver Broncos, and the Baltimore Ravens all have solid defenses and offenses capable of putting points on the board.

Of those teams, the Dolphins and Ravens boast defenses that strike fear into the hearts of opposing quarterbacks. Despite mid-season offensive slumps, both teams have begun to produce offensively, with the Dolphins led by cast-off QB Jay Fiedler and unknown RB Lamar Smith. The Ravens have the suddenly productive Tony Banks at the helm and the consistent Jamal Lewis in the backfield.

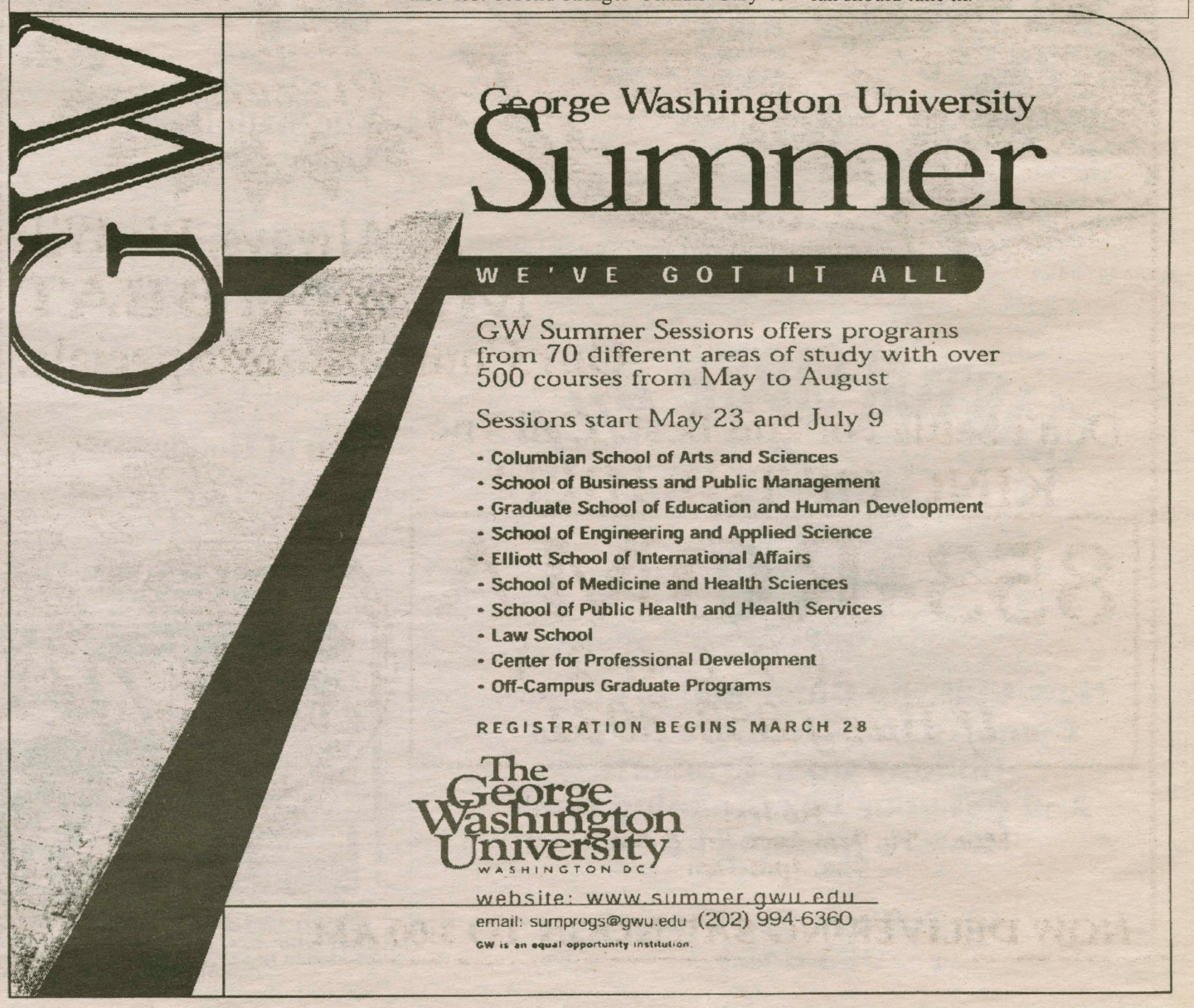
The Broncos, who are without their starting QB, Brian Griese, and their starting RB, the perennial Pro-Bowler Terrell Davis. In their stead are the journeyman QB Gus Frerotte and the shocking rookie RB Mike Anderson. Anderson is actually the Broncos' third back on the depth chart, as they also lost second-stringer Olandis Gary to injury early in the season. Anderson, perhaps this season's biggest surprise, set a rookie rushing record with his 251 yard, 4-touchdown performance against a normally stingy Saint defense.

In the NFC, the inconsistent Buccaneers have not been aided by the addition of Pro-Bowl wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson. Obtained in a surprising off season trade with the Jets, Johnson has not had the positive effect that Bucs coach Tony Dungee had hoped for. Instead, Johnson has begun to complain about the lack of offensive opportunities for himself in the Bucs grind-it-out offense.

As the league enters the crucial final three weeks, the only thing that is for sure is that the Vikings will be in the playoffs. Beyond that, anything can, and probably will happen. The Rams and Saints meet each other in a last-game showdown. This weekend, a match up between the Rams and Vikings this week will provide viewers with enough firepower to wipe out a small country, and the upcoming Monday Nighter pits the Buffalo Bills against the Indianapolis Colts, with the loser being effectively eliminated from the playoff hunt.

And every week from here to Christmas will be filled with such drama-packed contests. It is a football fan's dream season as we come down the stretch. The odds are, your team still has a chance to make the playoffs, or at least a chance to spoil someone else's chance to get there.

Unless, of course, you root for the 1-12 San Diego Charges. This has been one of the most exciting, evenly matched football seasons that has taken place in decades, and the last three weeks figure to be full of explosive action for which every football fan should tune in.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Men's and women's track teams experience success at Colgate Invitational, look forward to strong year ahead

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team got off to a good start last weekend at the Colgate Invitational. The team will try to improve upon last year's successes and follow the tremendous example set by this fall's cross-country team.

The meet was non-scoring and participation was optional. Many members of the team who participated in fall sports did not compete. The highlights of the meet were the performance of Jen Cammarano '03 in the 1,000-meter run and that of Barbara Dalgish '03 in the pole vault.

Cammarano finished third with a time of 3:06, which automatically qualified her for NYSCTC's and ECAC's in that event. She was the only member of the cross-country team to compete. Dalgish finished second in the pole vault, a new event for her, with a height seven feet. Her height set a new Hamilton record, and she is the first pole-vaulter that the team has had in several years.

"I see her reaching a height of nine feet by the end of the season. She's a very hard worker with lots of enthusiasm and potential," said Head Coach Ellen Hull.

The team has a very strong nucleus of returning athletes who led the team to a fifth place finish in last year's ECAC Championships. All-American Maggie Hanson '02, Cammarano, Amanda Chase '03, Julie Elmuccio '03, Christina Freyre '02, Sherri Hamlette '01, and Lynne Myrth '01 made up last year's ECAC squad and are all returning this season.

There are also some rookies who should play an important role, including Sarah Bardenett '04, Alyson Grant '04, Christine Campbell '04, Lauren Perkins '04, and All-American Kate Nelson '01. Emily Hill '01 returns to competition after missing most of the cross-country season because of injuries, and Annie Toth '02 hopes to remain healthy after missing much of last year with a stress fracture. The team will, however, miss the contribution of Kate Clark '02, who is studying abroad next semester.

"We didn't lose many seniors from last year, and have a strong group of returnees and rookies, and some added depth in the sprint and field events," said Hull.

With the talent that this team has shown in the past, it looks like this season could be very successful. The team's next home meet is January 18.

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The men's indoor track and field team started off the season at Colgate last weekend by "getting its feet wet," as Head Coach Brett Hull explained. The highlights of the meet, which was non-scoring and optional, were the performances of Mac Weiss '02, Elijah Huling '04, and Ryan Murelli '02.

Weiss finished first in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:04.87, while Huling finished sixth in the 55-meter dash and sixth in the 200-meter run with times of 6.89 and 23.89 seconds, respectively. Murelli finished fifth in the mile with a time of 4:37.03, his first time ever in the event.

Despite the loss of several valuable seniors, Hull is optimistic about the season. "We have a solid group of returning middle-distance runners and some young but talented sprinters and field athletes."

Returning with Weiss are middle-distance runners Sam Brown '01, Scott Taylor '01, and Doug Zeyak '02, along with triple jumper Sky Gellatly '03, all of whom competed in last year's ECAC Championships.

There are also some talented rookies, including Huling, Greg Zalasky '04, and Eric Hawkins '04; the addition of hurdler Andy Magoun '03 should help the team out in the sprint events.

Coming off a 1999-2000 season in which the team did well in dual meets but struggled in championship meets, Hull said, "We'd like to improve our performances in the championship meets, and I think this team can do it."

Unfortunately, the team will have to do it without the services of Weiss, who is studying abroad next semester.

Nevertheless, with some very talented athletes and some strong newcomers joining the team, this season could be a very successful one, especially where it counts the most in the championship meets.

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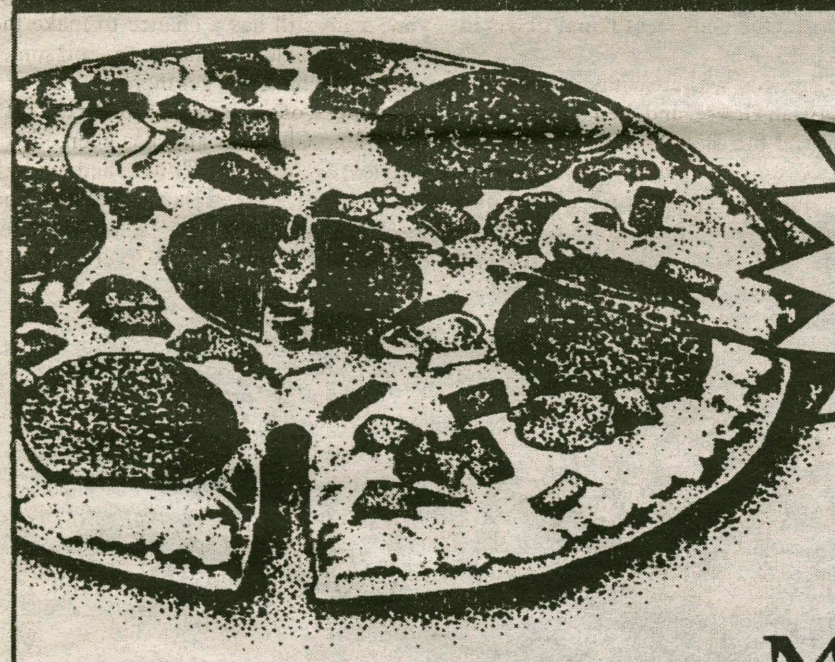

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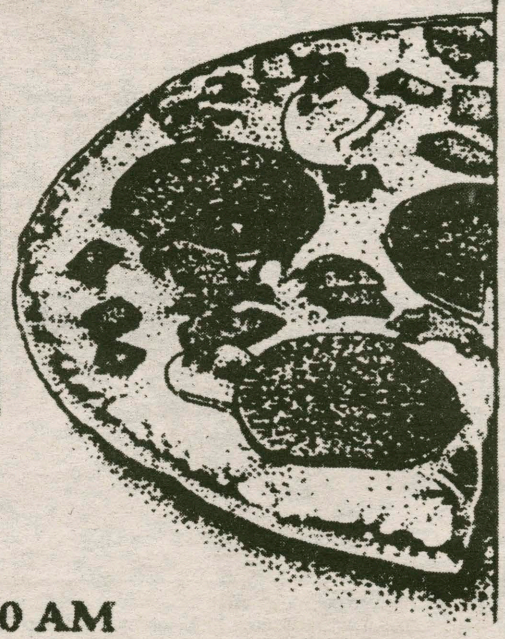

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Women's Basketball improves record to 3-1 on the season

*From **Women's Basketball**, page 19*

how much character they have as a team.

Munoz especially showed her toughness. Her 17 points, 17 rebound performance was her second double-double of the weekend, which was more than enough to make her UCAA Rookie of the Week as well as being elected to the Crowne Plaza all-tournament team.

She scored 14 points and pulled don 12 rebounds against Pitt-Bradford, both team highs. Guard/forward Brenna Chiaputti '02 added 13 points of her own in Hamilton's decisive first round victory.

Coach Diehl viewed the weekend as a step forward for her already vastly improved team, "It was a step forward in that we saw the level of play we're going to need to perform at in order to step it up and be competitive with the rest of our league."

Prior to last weekend's Crowne Plaza Tournament Coach Diehl had been a bit concerned about her team's defense. However, she saw defensive improvements in both games.

"Defensively we improved, especially in coming from sixteen down to within two against a tough team," Coach Diehl said.

The Continentals were scheduled to face Medaille College of Buffalo this past Wednesday night at home but the game was re-scheduled due to heavy snow in Buffalo that prevented Medaille from leaving.

The women will play their final game of the fall semester tonight (Friday) at home against Cazenovia, looking to improve their record to 4-1 heading into winter break. Game time is 7:00.

The mark of a good team is its ability to overcome adversity. Although one loss to an experienced team on its own home court may not exactly constitute as adversity, it is the first real road block the women's basketball team has had to deal with. How they respond to the loss will go along way in determining just how good this team is going to be.

It all starts tonight against Cazenovia.

Who wants to be a multi-millionnaire?

Baseball 's off-season deteriorates into laughable sweepstakes as salaries rise

First comes a trip to Denver for lunch with future Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway. Then it's off to Dallas for dinner with Dallas Stars all-star forward Mike Modano. To finish off this three day tour is a journey to Chicago for dinner with White Sox all-star first baseman Frank Thomas, and living basketball legend Michael Jordan.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

This seems like an itinerary for a foreign dignitary or a presidential candidate. Wrong, and wrong. The aforementioned schedule wasone of the recruiting trips of the biggest free agent in the history of professional sports, 25-year old shortstop Alex Rodriguez. "A-Rod" is not the only player reaping the benefits of arguably the biggest crop of free agents in any sport ever. Salaries are skyrocketing, and ticket prices are soaring.

Shortstops who hit .220 will get $5 million a year, and shortstops that hit .320 will get $20 million a year. That's right folks, this off-season has become the poster child for baseball's salary problems. Since a salary cap in baseball will probably never happen in our lifetime, all the common man can do is sit back and marvel at the biggest circus this side of Ringling Brothers.

While it is useless to argue against the ridiculous financial situation of baseball (or all professional sports for that matter), one is probably better off speculating as to why the size of the paychecks of baseball's free agents has come to dominate the sports world. This free-agent season has overshadowed the controversial end of the college football season, the upset-riddled beginning of the college basketball season, the surprise-filled beginning of the NBA season, and the best NFL season in recent memory.

This off-season is setting aprecedent of huge contracts for decent players. There is an abundance of first-tier and second-tier players at every position. The Seattle Mariners will probably lose Rodriguez. He has all but packed up his things by now. But while the loss of such a young, great talent might ordinarily destroy a franchise, it just might open up more opportunities for the Mariners.

Having realized A-Rod's departure was relatively inevitable, the Mariners designed their field to be more pitcher friendly, with long lines and deep power alleys. With the extra money resulting form A-Rod's departure, the Mariners would be able to sign a second-tier shortstop such as Alex Gonzalez or Gary Disarcina (two below average hitters with great gloves), and an above average pitcher such as Kevin Appier or Darren Dreifort. They will then still have enough money to sign an above average outfielder such as Johnny Damon or Tony Gwynn.

These additions, possible through the subtraction of Rodriguez, just might make the M's a better team. The problem with this is that the Mariners will pay Gonzalez or Disarcina much more then they are worth. Although both are solid shortstops, neither is worth the $5-6 million they are commanding on the open free agent market.

Each team with the financial backing to chase players is making one or two moves to open up four or five more. Financially strapped teams such as the Brewers, Padres, and Expos will be outbid on almost all free agents. Because of this they will have to rely solely on trading their top players for young talent who they will then attempt to develop by tossing them into the thick of the Major League Baseball season.

The common excuse from baseball fans is that it is the Yankees who have driven prices through the roof. While it is obvious that the Yankees have not helped in this matter, one might want to look all the way across the country before placing the blame on one franchise. The Mike Mussina signing was only the second major free agent signing of their current dynasty. The first was Mike Stanton. The Yankees do not have one player on the field who is the highest paid at his position.

The problem with salaries rising should be centered on the Los Angeles Dodgers, who are far more notorious then they should be for driving prices through the roof. In the past three years the Dodgers have set salary records in their signings of Gary Sheffield, Eric Young (seriously), Todd Hundley, Shawn Green, and Kevin Brown. Each was, or is, currently among the top two or three highest paid players at their respective positions.

Whether one wants to make an argument for the Dodgers, Yankees, Orioles, Mets, Red Sox, Blue Jays, or now even the Rockies (who, in signing Denny Neagle, gave a third starter over $10 million a year), it is impossible to argue with the ludicrousness of the current salaries.

I see only one plausible way to stop this meteoric rise. The only scenario to which players and owners would agree would be to set a salary cap that is at a ridiculously high amount. While a salary cap of $150-175 million may seem absurd, it would put an eventual end to the rise of player salaries.

After this off-season, there may be five teams with a payroll of over $100 million. The creation of this cap would not effect players of this generation, so the players would probably agree to this. The owners might agree to this as it is an eventual end to the rise of players' salaries.

Whatever they decide during the next player/owner contract talks, at the very least this off-season will continue to make sportswriters earn their money. Peter Gammons and Jayson Stark have never been busier, and a lot has been left to the regular Joe to speculate as to where each player is going. Whatever happens, the stage has been set for a legendary off-season.

Beat the Experts

The Spectator's "Beat the Experts' contest for this semester has come to a conclusion. As the record indicates, Sports Editor **Chris Preston** emerged from the fray with a hard-fought three game victory over second-place Managing Editor **Peter Ringel**. The picks this week do not count toward the final records, as some are simply for the amusement of *The Spectator's* readers. The guest with the best record will be notified shortly, and will have his or her picture appear in *The Spectator* early next semester. This lucky individual will also dine at a local restaurant with the dashing and good-looking sports editors, Chris, Andy, and Jimmy.

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Cincinnati at Tennessee 12/10	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Bengals	Titans
Pittsburgh at NY Giants 12/10	Steelers	Steelers	Giants	Steelers	Giants	Giants
San Diego at Baltimore 12/10	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Chargers	Ravens
Tampa Bay at Miami 12/10	Dolphins	Dolphins	Bucs	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Minnesota at St. Louis 12/10	Rams	Vikings	Rams	Vikings	Rams	Rams
New Orleans at San Francisco 12/10	49ers	49ers	49ers	Saints	49ers	49ers
NY Jets at Oakland 12/10	Raiders	Raiders	Jets	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Buffalo at Indianapolis 12/11	Colts	Colts	Colts	Bills	Colts	Colts
NBA						
Indiana at Toronto 12/12	Pacers	Raptors	Raptors	Pacers	Raptors	Pacers
Dallas at Cleveland 12/12	Cavaliers	Mavericks	Mavericks	Mavericks	Mavericks	Mavericks
Miami at Denver 12/12	Heat	Heat	Nuggets	Nuggets	Nuggets	Heat
Orlando at Seattle 12/12	Sonics	Magic	Sonics	Magic	Magic	Sonics

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Swimming teams flex muscles, take first at UCAA's

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's and women's swimming and diving teams continued their winning ways by taking first place at the 2000 UCAA Swimming and Diving Championships held at the Bristol Pool this past weekend.

The men had a dominating performance by outscoring the second-place team by almost 500 points. They finished with an impressive 15 first-place finishes. Anthony Loeffler '01 was named Swimmer of the Meet. James Morrison '04 was named Male Rookie of the Meet and diver Scott Carlton '02 was named Male Diver of the Meet.

Stewart Wright '01 commented, "We had great performances from just about everyone on the team. I think this is a really good sign of things to come."

The men improve their record to an undefeated 3-0.

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The women also took first place with a total score of 788.5. The women scored two first-place finishes, five second-place finishes as well as eight third-place finishes in the meet.

Captain Jen Kunz '01 stated, "This weekend was truly a team effort. Every individual made an important contribution to the victory."

Kunz led the Continentals, as she finished first in the 50-yard freestyle (25.24), the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.94) and third in the 100-yard freestyle (55.21). The women improved their record to 2-1 on the season.

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams take a break until January 13th, when they will swim against Middlebury at the Bristol Pool at 2:00pm.

The Spectator Athlete of the Week: Men's Squash Player Alex Parlin '01

by Jim Driggs '01
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Alex Parlin '01 isn't your typical squash player. His 6'3 and 240 pound frame seems better suited for the gridiron. However, Parlin has been competing against some of the best squash players in the nation for the past two years and he has been doing it well. Parlin's road to becoming a Division One squash player is a unique one. It was not until his second semester of his sophomore year that his skill was recognized.

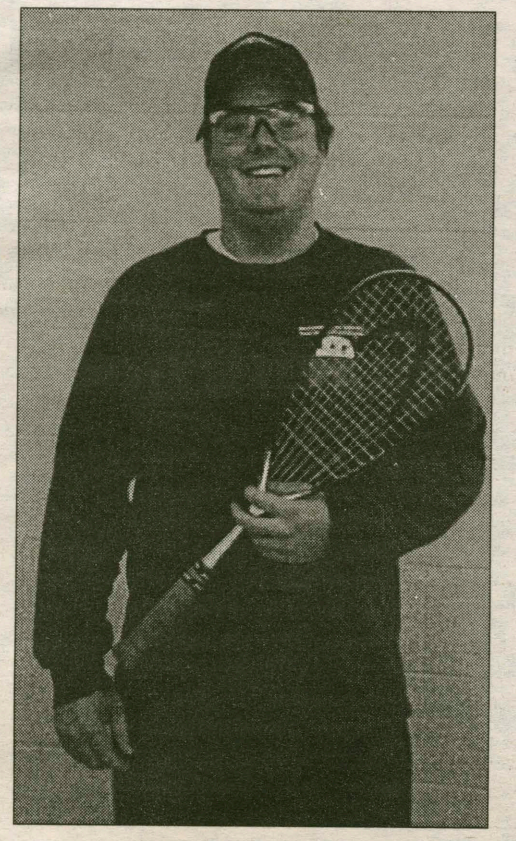
"I actually got recruited out of PE class," says Parlin. "Bill Austin [the former squash and tennis coach] asked if I would be interested in playing varsity squash. I had no idea I would still be competing at the varsity level. It's been a lot of fun."

As of now Parlin has a 1-2 record. His first win came this past week over nationally ranked Rochester. His first two matches were against strong Vassar and St. Lawrence teams.

His slow start may be credited to the fact that he spent last spring semester in Brisbane Australia. Parlin could not play competitively "down under" but he did train rigorously on a regular basis. Parlin is one of two seniors on this year's squash team.

The other senior is Mike Van Linda who will be graduating this semester. This means Parlin will probably move up to the number three spot on the team. More importantly Parlin will be put in a leadership position.

"I try to lead by example," says Parlin, "We have a young team so I just try to work hard and set a good example."



Alex Parlin '01 has been a solid contributor for the squash team. He is in his second year with the team.

Parlin is trying to lead the Continentals to the NISRA Championship at Yale University where the best squash teams compete against each other. Parlin epitomizes the ideal of a Hamilton College athlete.

He demonstrates teamwork, sportsmanship, work ethic, and a love for his sport. It is obvious that squash does not receive as much recognition as football, hockey, or basketball, but Parlin and the rest of the squash squad continue to work and practice like any other team on campus.

"Sometimes it's difficult knowing you won't have 100 people at your match," says Parlin. "But as a team and individually I know that all the work and practice is all worth it and in the end it will pay off."

In addition to performing on the squash court, Parlin has been an active member of the Hamilton community. A member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, Parlin maintains a solid B average. He is an Economics major and a Government minor. His friends all comment on the fact that he such a fun and outgoing person.

"I have a million nice things to say about Alex but nothing has to do with squash", says Frank Sadler '01. "He is one of the friendliest individuals I have ever met."

Alex Parlin is a great example of how hard work and dedication can bring success. Having only played the game for two years he has made unbelievable strides.

His greatest skill isn't his backhand or his quickness but his desire to compete and to do it with a great attitude of sportsmanship.

I challenge the Hamilton student body to go watch a squash match and check out Parlin and the rest of the Continental squad. You won't be disappointed.

Women's and men's squash teams experience ups and downs in final weekend of semester

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's squash team had a high level of confidence as they traveled to Wesleyan College for the Wesleyan Invitational Tournament with a 1-1 record , including a big win over Vassar College the previous week. The matches were expected to be extremely competitive and the team was ready to play some strong opponents over the week. Among these teams were Colby, Wellesley, Tufts and Mt. Holyoke.

The women's first match was against Colby, which was ranked 12th at the end of the season last year. All nine matches played were extremely competitive with good performances by Ashley Kennedy '04, who lost an extremely close five-game match against Colby's second ranked Morgan Pratt. The women were defeated 9-0, however.

Their next opponent was Tufts, whom they had just lost to 7-2 the past weekend. The Continentals were determined to put forth a better performance this time around. Kennedy once again was in the limelight as she beat Tufts' Anne Montesamo 9-3 in the fourth game. Strong perfomances by many players were not enough, though, to keep Hamilton from dropping a 6-3 decision.

The other players put up a great fight as Sarah Taylor '03 got the better of Justime Kurland in four games and Helena Marrin '03 also won her match against Eileen Connors.

Coach Jamie King commented on her performance, saying, "It was a really strong performance by Helena as she came back from a two game to one deficit after being hit by her opponent with the racket, to eventually win in five games."

Hamilton next played Wellesley and the women were hoping to notch a victory. Tracy Nichols '03 got Hamilton off to a good start by defeating Wellesley's number one ranked player, Laura Tillsley, in a long five-game match. Coach King later said, "It was an excellent performance by Tracy, who got us off to a great start."

Other players who showed great determination were captain Elizabeth Hurley '01, who defeated Katherine Rossolino in three games and Marrin, who defeated Amanda Crawford 9-5 in the fourth game. However, despite its improved play, Hamilton fell short of the victory, succumbing to Wellesley 6-3.

In its final game of the Wesleyan Invitational Hamilton faced Mt. Holyoke. Mt. Holyoke won their first two matches as Alex Falzon beat Nichols, and Liz Hughes got the better of Hurley.

However, Hurley then lifted the spirits of the team as she won her crucial match against Michelle Greenblatt, beating her 9-7 in the fifth game. From then on Hamilton dominated, as Liz Greene '01 defeated Holyoke's fifth ranked player Lisa Fritz in three straight games. The Continentals emerged with a 6-3 win.

This was a good end to the Wesleyan Invitational considering their three straight losses to begin the tournament.

Coach King said, "Our play improved steadily, and was capped by a good win against Mt. Holyoke, led by senior co-captain Hurley. It was a positive weekend for us and the roughness of the match against Tufts made us stronger."

The women now look forward to playing the Williams Invitational in January.

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The men's squash team, which had lost their previous match against Vassar, was determined to secure a win as they took on Rochester University here at the Hamilton squash courts.

The men got off to a poor start as captain Peter Safer '02 lost his match in three games against Rochester's number one, Asad Abdulla. Jon Murphy '04 and Mike Van Linda '01 also lost their matches. However, the team was inspired by Phil Cameron '02, who won his match against Mike Strumpf 15-5 in the fourth game.

There were other impressive performances by Alex Parlin '01, newcomer Chip Baker '04, Chris Shepherd '02 and Jeff Richards '03, who put the finishing touches on the team's win.

Coach King said after their performance, "It was a great win for this team. We came out real strong and were truly not expecting to win this one against Rochester. It was an impressive performance against a good university and I hope that this run continues."

The men have a 2-1 record now as they look forward to playing two Ivy League Schools, Yale and Cornell in the next month.

Women's Basketball places 2nd at Nazareth Tourney

by Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Expectations have risen quite rapidly for the women's basketball team. Heading into last weekend's Crowne Plaza Tournament at Nazareth College, the women expected to emerge from the four-team affair as champions. And why not? After walking all over their first two opponents, the Lady Continentals were confident that they could compete with all three teams in the Crowne Plaza.

Perhaps too confident. After quickly disposing of a scrappy Pitt-Bradford squad 74-55 in the first round, the 3-0 Continentals advanced to the finals against a veteran Nazareth team which would being playing on its home court. It immediately became apparent that Nazareth would not allow Hamilton to push them around like its first three opponents.

Ten minutes into the contest, the Continentals found themselves down by 16 points and searching for an answer to Nazareth's experience and discipline. Fortunately, they found one in the person of 5'11' freshman forward Jen Munoz.

Munoz took over down low, grabbing an impressive 17 rebounds and muscling in 17 points all told. Munoz, along with fellow forward Karen Pogonowski '02 and her 17-point outing, helped bring Hamilton back within two points before eventually falling to Nazareth, 89-73. Nazareth was led by Sarah Curley's 20 point effort.

Coach Julie Diehl attributed the loss in part to overconfidence, "I think we just underestimated them a little bit. We didn't come to play."

Who could have blamed them? Having dispatched their first three opponents by a combined 50 points, the young and inexperienced Continentals had every right to feel confident about their chances of inning the tournament. However, as is the golden rule in college athletics, experienced teams usually feast on young, inexperienced teams, especially early in the season.

"Nazareth was definitely out biggest challenge so far," Coach Diehl admitted. "With seven seniors they are an experienced team as a whole. We wanted to win, but we also realize that we're just a week in to our season and they have been playing for two weeks. In another month or so if we played them it might be a different result."

Despite the loss, a second-place finish in the tournament was certainly nothing to sneeze at. Furthermore, in fighting back from a large early deficit against Nazareth went a long way in showing

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Sports

Men's Basketball blows game at Colby, but prepares for important showdown with Tufts

by Peter Ringel '01
MANAGING EDITOR

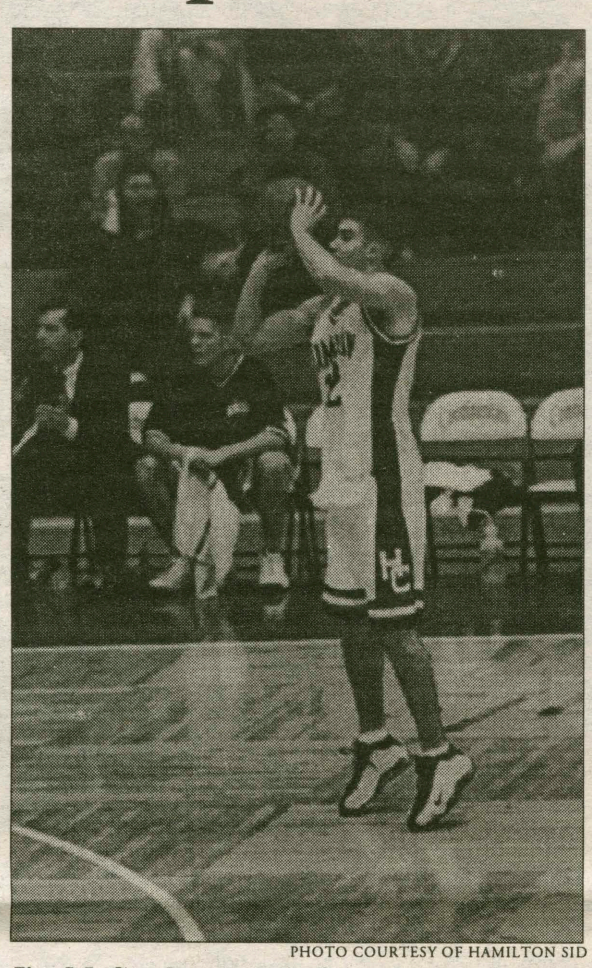
There are always games throughout the course of a season that a team should win, but ends up losing. The men's basketball team lost such a game last weekend at Colby, 75-69 in overtime.

"The Colby loss was very disappointing, because we beat ourselves," said senior forward Kris Fudge. "We had too many turnovers and a poor effort at the free throw line. We hope to bounce back against Tufts, which would really make a nice Christmas break for all of us."

After beginning the season with three consecutive wins, the Continentals traveled to Maine last weekend to play in the Colby Invitational Tournament. In the opening round last Friday, the Continentals played the University of Maine-Presque Isle. Hamilton dominated the contest from start to finish. As soon as the game began, it was obvious the Continentals were the superior team. They led 38-27 at the half and went on to win the game 87-52.

"It was a good win for us because everyone was able to contribute," said shooting guard Jim McCarthy '01. "We have a lot of talented players and it gave them a chance to show what they can do."

The Continentals played great defensively, holding Presque Isle to under 28 percent shooting on the afternoon and a remarkable 13 percent from three-point range (2-15). Every player on the roster saw time and contributed in one way or another. Sophomore center Joe Finley scored 12 points and junior center Noah Hammond poured in 11. The Continentals outrebounded Presque Isle 52-33.



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Jim McCarthy spots up for a three-pointer.

With the victory, Hamilton advanced to play Colby College the following afternoon. Hamilton lost last season to the White Mules, but believed that this year's game would end with a different result. The Continentals led at half-time 28-27 and would never trail during regulation. During the second half, the Continentals led by double-digits, but squandered that lead with less than two minutes to go in the game.

The White Mules were led by senior center Sam Clark, one of the best players in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), who scored 33 points. The White Mules also got a great game out of shooting guard Zeb Davis, who converted on five three pointers in the second half and ended up with 21 points.

"This was one of the toughest losses since I've been here, but we can't go back and change it," added McCarthy. "However, if we learn from the mistakes we made during that game we will be a better team and it will help us throughout the remainder of the season."

The loss was a difficult one for Hamilton, which outplayed Colby for nearly the entire game. Although there was some awful officiating during the contest, the Continentals overcame bad calls by the officials.

"You can't let the officials control the game," said head basketball coach Tom Murphy. "We should have put Colby away earlier in the game and we didn't. They were resilient and you have to credit them. This was one game that we should have won and that hopefully we will learn from."

Fudge led Hamilton with 19 points and 13 rebounds. He had a good shooting night going 8 of 13 from the floor. Finley finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds, while McCarthy added 17 points. Senior point guard Jimmy Driggs scored five points and dished out eight assists.

Tufts comes into town this weekend. The Continentals have not beaten the Jumbos in years and this weekend will not be easy. Senior center Dan Flaherty, senior point guard Bobby Mpuku, and sophomore shooting guard Brian Shapiro will come into Clinton this Saturday looking to continue Tufts' winning streak. The Jumbos began the season with a loss to Salem State before winning three straight games.

"If we play the way we are capable of playing, then we can win this ball game against Tufts," added Murphy. "We need to rebound the ball well, not turn the ball over as much as we did against Colby, shoot better from the free throw line, and play our style of basketball this weekend. But Tufts is a very strong team and they are coming in here looking to knock us off. If we don't come to play then it could be a very long afternoon."

Men's Hockey recovers from tough start with two straight wins

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In what became an early season do-or-die road trip for the men's hockey team, the Continentals came away with two big wins at Massachusetts College and 7th-ranked Williams, to bring the team's record to 2-3 on the young season. With freshman Matt Jones between the pipes, Hamilton came up with plenty of offense, outscoring its opposition 13-2.

Coach Grady commented, "This weekend was very good for our confidence, because we've been playing every game hard and well, but we had nothing to show for it. Against Massachusetts College we were able to score nine goals, and then I think our guys got a lot more confident beating a good team like Williams at Williams."

The Continentals went into the game against Williams looking for their first NESCAC win of the year, and grabbed an early 1-0 lead when Chad McCraith '02 put one away on an assist from Ryan Kitson '04 at the 6:36 mark. Both teams battled back and forth, until early in the second period when Williams' Joe Butler put a one-timer past Jones to knot it at 1-1.

Despite gaining a two-man advantage on a pair of interference calls, Hamilton could do nothing with the opportunity, and went into the third still deadlocked. The final frame would be a kind one for the Conts, as they would find the back of the net three times in just over five minutes to put it out of reach. McCraith struck first at the 7:44 mark, scoring his second on the day, this time from Kitson and captain Cory Dorzek '01. Next came J.P.

Acosta '01, who lit the lamp for his first time on the year, with the assists coming from Craig Leger '02 and Tim Canfield '02. Sean Smith '02 would finish the scoring barrage with his third on the year, an unassisted goal coming at the 13:04 mark of the third. Jones' 23 saves were huge for Hamilton, who outshot the Ephs 31-24 in the victory.

Freshman Jeff Corey weaves his way through two Elmira defenders.

McCraith said, "We were coming off a solid win at Massachusetts College, and this was a game where we put all three periods together. We got some outstanding play from our freshman goalie and we put it away. It's great to put two victories together in a row, and we're just going to have to keep the ball rolling this weekend."

Friday's affair at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts would turn one-sided very quickly, as Hamilton recorded 23 shots in the first period alone. Captain Vic Cizmarik '01 would lead the way, picking up a pair of goals and three assists, and is pacing the Conts with 7 points thus far.

Also with big numbers for Hamilton was Tom Paolini '03, who added two goals and an assist. Kevin Audit '03 notched two goals, freshmen Tom Ditzer and Scott Gordon each had a goal and an assist, and Steve Aubuchon had a pair of assists. The confidence-boosting 9-1 trouncing of Massachusetts College saw Hamilton explode for 50 shots and its first "W" of the year.

"We've been working extremely hard in practice and it's carrying over into our games. We have a never-say-die attitude out there, we've been working for our bounces, and everyone has been contributing," said forward Mike Engert '03.

Hamilton's own invitational tournament is this weekend with Friday's matchups being Hobart and Geneseo in the early game and Hamilton battling New England College at night.

"We beat New England College by a goal last year, and they are a good team," commented Coach Grady, "They're big and strong and it'll be a wide-open, end-to-end type of hockey game, with our forwards going hard against their forwards."